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I can feel the words



Make your own
tactile book for
The Truck Cat!



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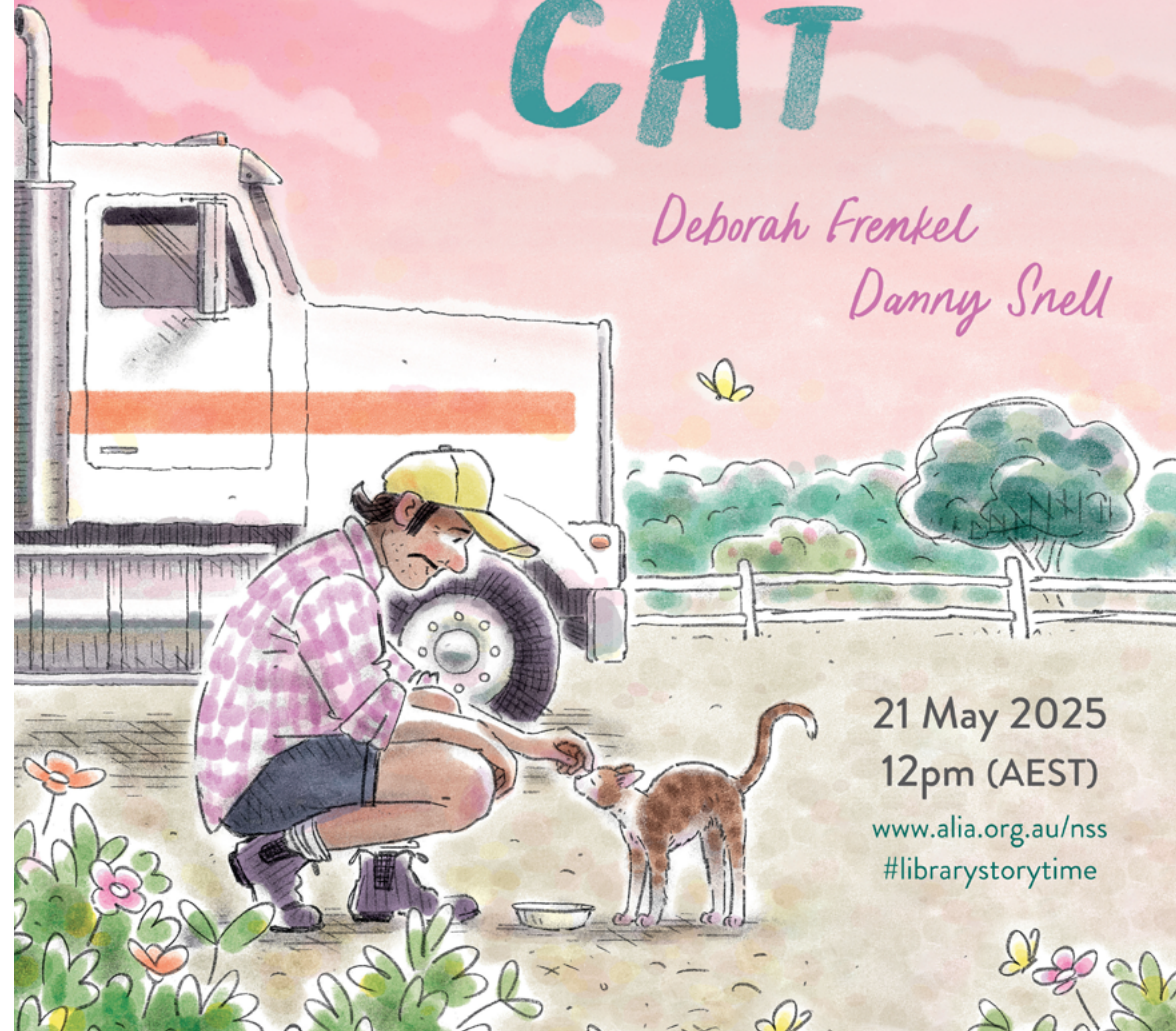
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Introduction

Feelix kits are a great way to share the magic of reading for children with a print disability. Vision Australia's Feelix kits contain a picture book with braille overlay, a tactile handbook, a toy and a pathway player.

For National Simultaneous Storytime, we want to show you how to make tactile handbook of *The Truck Cat*, using things that you can find around your house.

Materials

You will need:

- cardboard
- scraps of material
- glue
- matchsticks
- sewing supplies
- cotton wool balls
- sticky tape
- buttons
- foam sheets
- pipe cleaners
- felt fabric
- kitchen sponges
- beads
- cotton swabs
- shiny paper/cards
- rubber placemats
- corrugated cardboard
- bottle tops
- tissue paper
- paper straws.

(These are just suggestions – use whatever works for you!)

Use whatever materials you have at hand. You can be as imaginative as you like. Make sure there are no sharp or pointy bits.

Don't worry about making a perfect handbook, the important thing is that the materials feel different from each other and provide an opportunity to feel the story!

When you have finished your tactile book, we would love to see them. Take a picture and share it on social media with the hashtags **#NSS** **#VisionAustralia** or send them to us at feelixlibrary@visionaustralia.org.

Directions

Step one:

Using the guide from our tactile book, cut out shapes from different materials such as corrugated cardboard, foam sheets or kitchen sponges stick them onto five pieces of similar sized cardboard such as a square or rectangle.

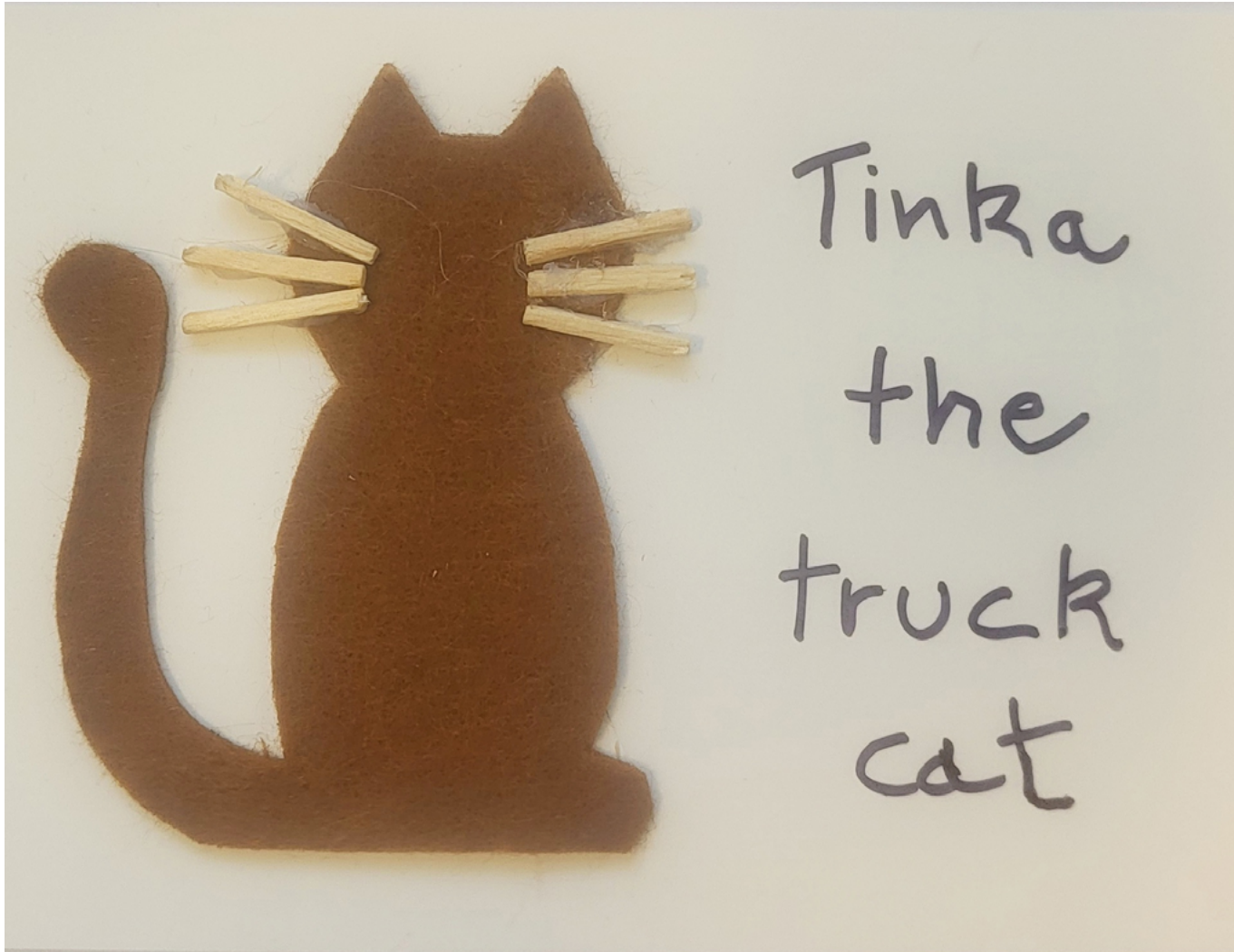
Step two:

Use the small items such as buttons, pipe cleaners, cotton balls etc to decorate.

Step three:

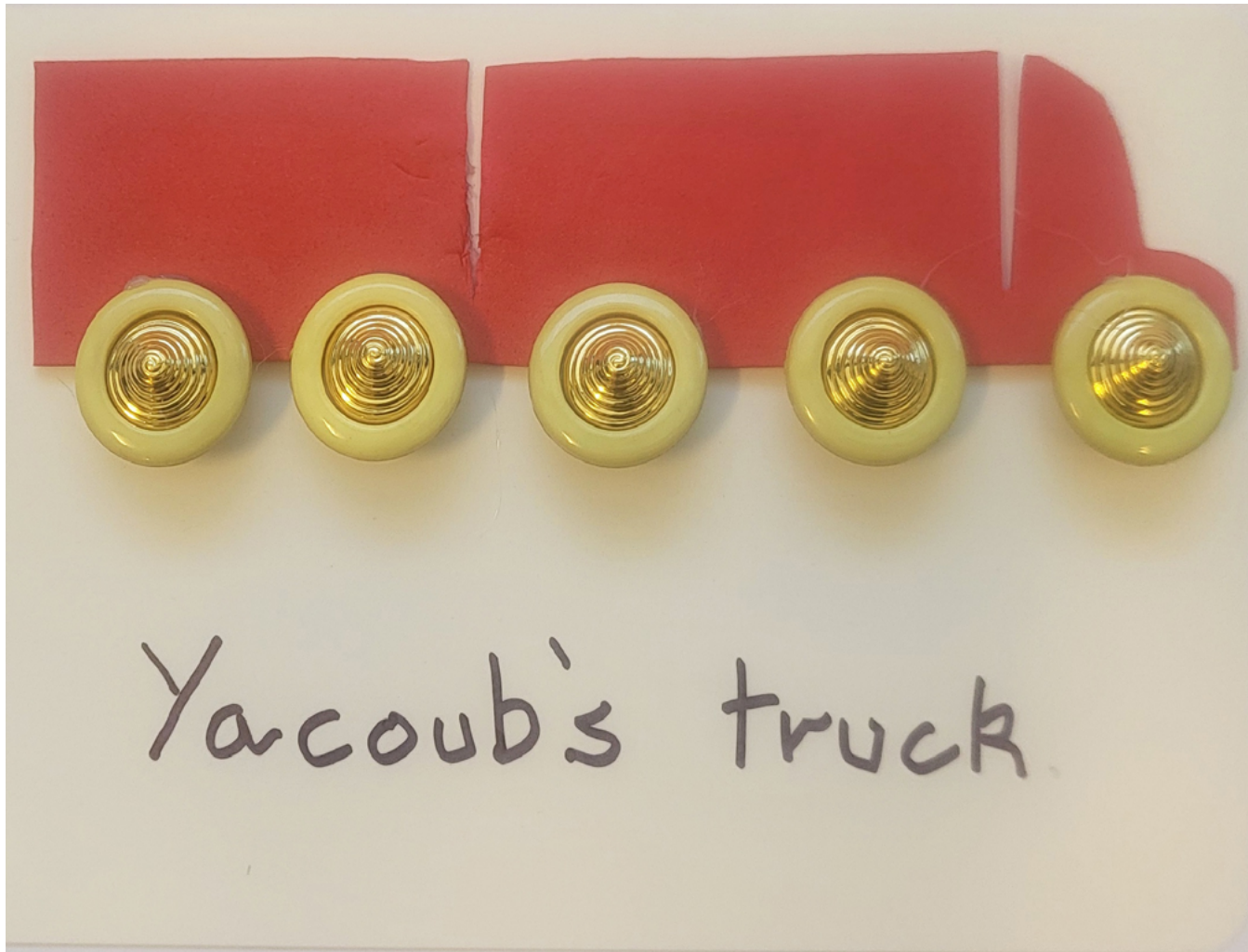
Make a hole in the top left corner of the cardboard and use a ribbon or string to tie the book together.

Here is a tactile book that we created out of things found at home



Cut out some felt or fabric in the shape of a cat.

Use matchsticks or some other long shapes to make whiskers.



Use some spongy sheets or cardboard to make the shape of a truck. Then use buttons or bottle caps as wheels!

The
butterfly



Use some bright fabric or tissue paper to cut a butterfly shape for the wings. Then use pipe cleaners or paper straws to make the butterfly body in the middle.



Use kitchen sponges to cut into the shapes of little cakes. Then use some beads on top to look like cherries.

Home is everywhere



Use cardboard with different textures to make a house. You could use sandpaper on the roof and smooth cardboard as the house.

Feelix Library offers a range of resources across Australia, free of charge, to children with a print disability. If you would like to know more about accessible resources for parents or educators, please contact feelixlibrary@visionaustralia.org.