

The Kids' Table · a Thanksgiving placemat from Oma Marie

Can you find all 11 hidden animals?



Tick them off!

5 mice

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

☐ 1 red squirrel

☐ 1 robin

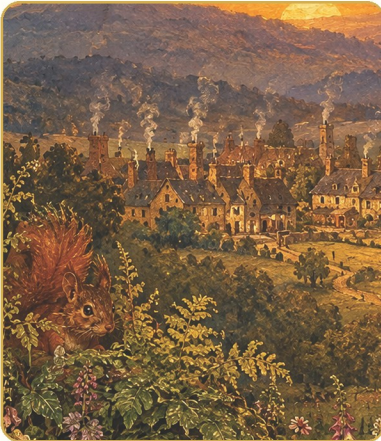
☐ 1 snail

☐ 1 toad

☐ 1 ladybird

☐ 1 caterpillar

All 11? You have a restorer's eyes!

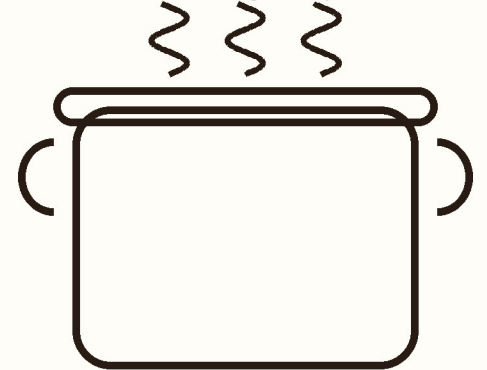


Listen to the whole story free (4:44). Scan me!

Grown-ups: the answers and the Princess's soup recipe are on page 5.

Draw your soup!

What goes in YOUR pot? Pumpkin? Thyme? A snail, on a good day?



Color the Pumpkin House

Bigger than an elephant, taller than a giraffe, and a chimney that puffs smoke.



“If you smell roasted chestnut in the woods tonight, you know where to knock.”

Soup Talk: table conversation cards

Cut along the dotted lines. Take turns: pick a card, answer, then pass the soup.

Soup Talk · 1

If you could put anything in a magic soup, what would go in?

Soup Talk · 2

The Princess chose kindness instead of a sword. When was someone kind to you this year?

Soup Talk · 3

What are you thankful for that is smaller than a spoon?

Soup Talk · 4

Who would you invite to share your soup, and why?

Soup Talk · 5

The monster was only hungry. Who gets grumpy in YOUR family when dinner is late?

Soup Talk · 6

What do you love to do, even when someone says “you can’t”?

Soup Talk · 7

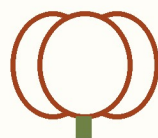
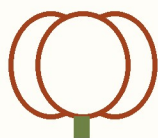
If you lived in a pumpkin house, what would your room look like?

Soup Talk · 8

Grown-ups: what was your favorite food when you were little?

Royal place cards for the kids' table

Cut out, fold along the middle line, write a name. Every soup needs its staff.



Official Soup Taster

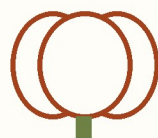
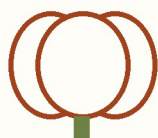


name

Head Thyme-Picker



name



Royal Stirrer



name

Chief Chestnut Finder



name

fold line = the gold dotted line in the middle of each card

The Princess of Soups by Marie Becker · free for home & classroom use · Marie Becker is our storyteller persona; the book art was made with AI tools.

For the grown-ups

Placemat answers (no peeking, Liebling)



Top: 5 mice (2 grown-ups, 3 babies) and the ladybird. Bottom, left to right: the red squirrel; the robin, the snail and the toad; the caterpillar on the leaves.

The Princess's Pumpkin-Chestnut Soup

kid-helper edition · serves 4

1 small pumpkin or butternut squash (about 2 lb), peeled and cubed, or 2 cans pumpkin purée (15 oz each) · 1 cup cooked, peeled chestnuts · 1 onion, chopped · 2 tbsp butter · 3 cups vegetable or chicken stock · ½ cup heavy cream · 3–4 sprigs fresh thyme · salt, pepper, a pinch of nutmeg

1. Grown-up: melt the butter and soften the onion (5 min).
2. Little cook: pull the thyme leaves off the stems.
3. Grown-up: add pumpkin, chestnuts, thyme and stock. Simmer 20–25 min.
4. Grown-up: let it cool a little, then blend until smooth.
5. Little cook: stir in the cream. Whisk, whisk, whisk! Season.
6. Little cook: top with a crumbled chestnut and a thyme leaf.

Allergy note: chestnuts are tree nuts. Skip them (try roasted pumpkin seeds) if anyone at the table has a nut allergy.



Free read-aloud of the whole story (4:44): scan, press play, and the soup simmers while you listen.

The book: The Princess of Soups,
a Pumpkin House Fairy Tale ·
paperback on Amazon:
amazon.com/dp/B0HMLZCLC1