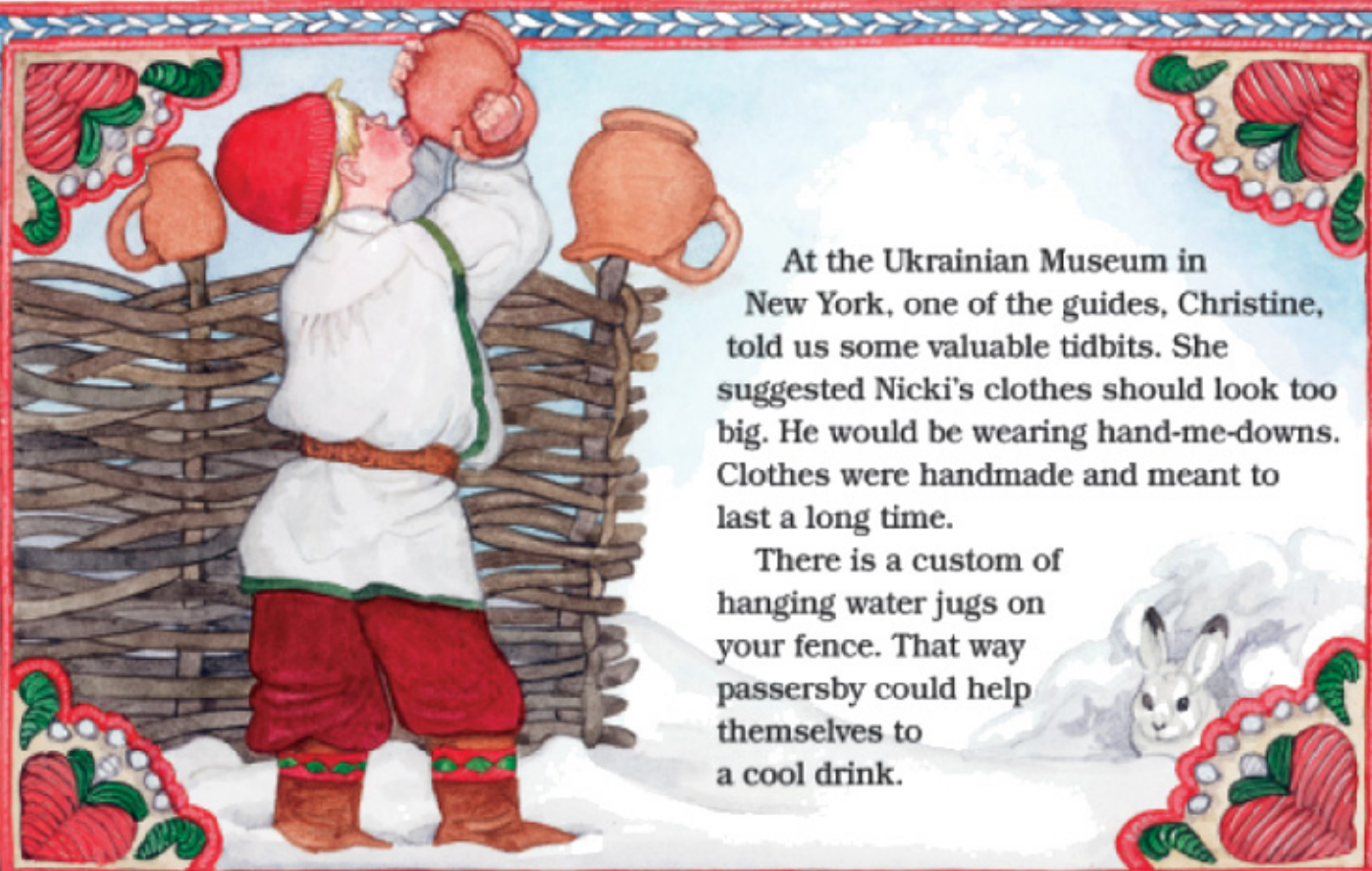


all about The Mitten

20th Anniversary
Edition



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At the Ukrainian Museum in New York, one of the guides, Christine, told us some valuable tidbits. She suggested Nicki's clothes should look too big. He would be wearing hand-me-downs. Clothes were handmade and meant to last a long time.

There is a custom of hanging water jugs on your fence. That way passersby could help themselves to a cool drink.



The Mitten came about when three teachers, Sylvia Kyle, Rebecca Lim and Ruth Ann Johnson suggested the idea at a book signing. They thought I would like to draw the animals and the snowy scenery in this Ukrainian folktale.

I went to the Ukrainian Museum in New York to see authentic dress and learn about the culture.



A Hedgehog is one of the animals that crawl into the mitten. A Hedgehog is the size of a Guinea Pig and is covered with sharp prickles. If alarmed, it will roll into a ball, tucking its head and legs out of reach. Hedgehogs eat insects and like to live in brush piles, like the mother and two babies on the left. Below you can see directions on how to draw a Hedgehog. It's fun.



Draw an egg shape with a pencil.



A curved line will make the face.



Add a line for where the prickles begin, and slice off the bottom of the egg.



Now for the fun. He or she will need a nose, a mouth, an eye, an ear and lots of prickles, and feet!

When you draw your Hedgehog's features you'll notice that even the smallest change will give your animal a different expression. That's why each Hedgehog you create will be unique. Don't forget to sign your work.

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Tell your own Mitten story

- Color and cut out the animals on the next page.
- Cut out the mitten, then trace and cut out another one just like it.
- Glue or punch and sew the seams.
- Watch those animals disappear into the mitten.

