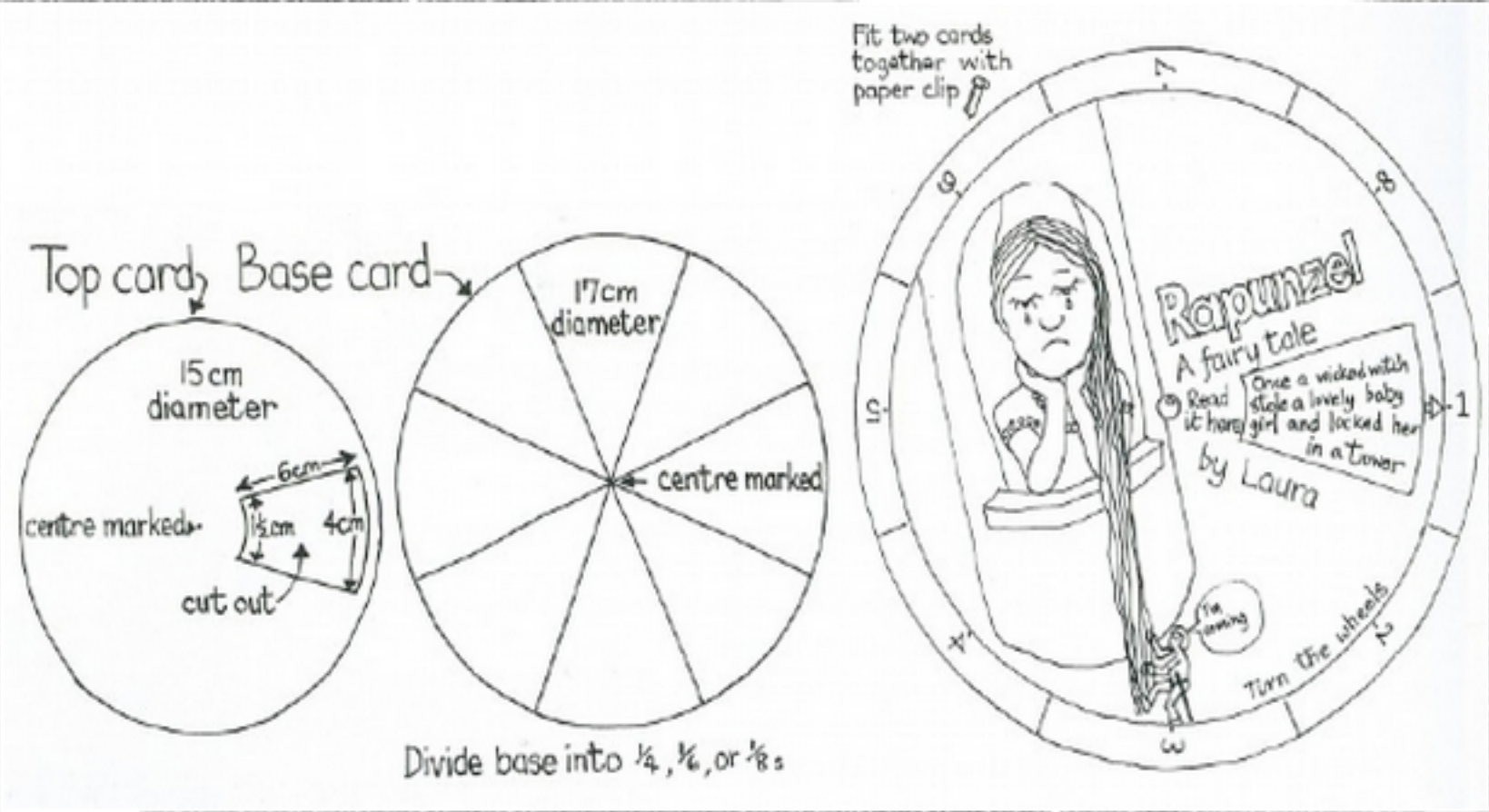


Crafty Ideas: **Make a Story Wheel**

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A diagram that shows how the different parts of a story wheel fit together.

Story wheels are a good way to get children thinking about how stories are structured, and how to retell them. The hands-on approach can bring a freshness to story telling activities, and engage learners of all abilities.

You will need:

- Two circles of card for each story – one white, 17 cm in diameter, and one coloured, 15cm in diameter
- Scissors
- Pencils and pens
- Rulers
- Crayons and felt tips
- Paper for drafting
- Brass paper fasteners

Use

A creative way to get children to turn their reading into writing, and retell familiar stories in their own words.

Make

- Read a traditional story with your children and discuss the characters, action and setting. When you think that they have a good grasp of the narrative, introduce the concept of the story wheel.
- The larger white card is to be the base card on which children write their version of the story. Divide the card into four segments for younger children, or up to eight for older pupils.
- Cut a viewing hole in the top card to allow the reader to see a complete segment.
- Place the coloured card into the centre of the white card and fasten together with a brass paper fastener.
- Before the children start to write on their story wheel, they need to think about how they will divide their story into sections. They should work this out as a plan or draft on a piece of paper.
- Once children are happy with their plan then can either write or draw each episode from the story onto the white card beneath. Once each section is complete, they need to turn the top card and move onto the next.
- When all the sections are complete, the story can be read through by turning the white card to reveal each section through the window.
- To add the finishing touches, children should add the title and an illustration or decoration to the top cover.

Display

Display the finished work on an accessible table or in a box that children can dip in and out of and enjoy looking at each other's work. Put the traditional story books that have inspired the children on display too.

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