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My first creativity book: on the farm - by Emily Stead

Publisher: Walker Books

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Small children will enjoy exploring the variety of activities centred on a busy farm. They can count sheep, practice animal sounds, colour in the farmyard, discover where fruit and vegetables grow, find hidden creatures and learn about farm machinery.

Cheerful line-drawings and colourful illustrations invite close inspection of each scene. Over 200 bright, reusable stickers of various sizes offer plenty of creative choice in where they are placed.

With the help of an adult or older child, youngsters can make a piglet mask and some cute finger puppets. The puzzles and games offer many opportunities for discussion about animals and the outdoors. It's an entertaining and educational mix.

An excellent design feature is the spiral binding that allows pages to open out flat so activities can be easily worked on. A large fold-out section has a lively farmyard scene on one side and a cosy barn on the reverse. The glossy, heavy cardboard is perfect for adding stickers.

A quality, 66-page publication – great value.

**Reviewed by children's book author,
Jean Bennett**

