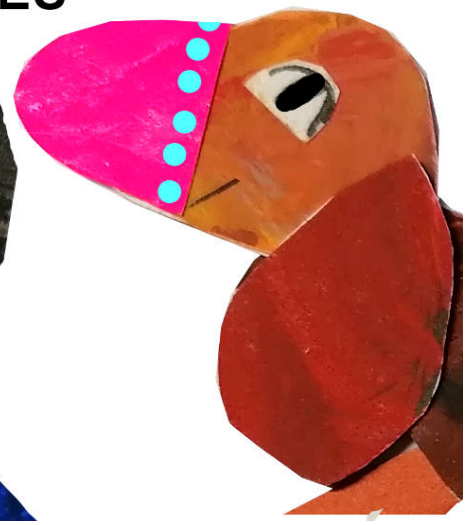
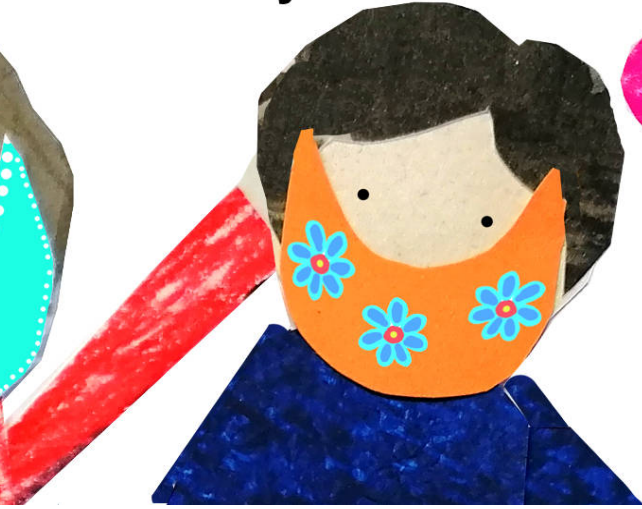
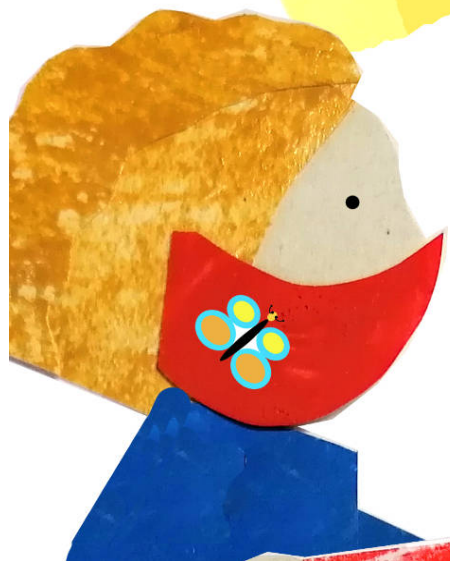


# THE HEROES OF THE FACE MASKS

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One day, the inhabitants of a beautiful mountain village had a great fright.  
The face masks had disappeared!



They looked inside the closets and found nothing. They weren't there, not one! It looked as if they had flown away. "Where can they be?". "Maybe someone has stolen them?", they said worriedly.



The children of the village realized that the elders were worried.  
They needed the face masks so that everyone would be well protected.



For that reason they decided to go bravely in search of the lost face masks.  
“How will we find them?” “Where could we look for them?”, they wondered.



"Look, I have one in my pocket", said a little boy.  
"So good!", they exclaimed. "Surely if Truc, our smart dog, smells it, he will find some tracks." Truc put his nose close to the mask and inhaled deeply.



Then he sniffed to one side and to the other ...

"Follow me! I think I have a trace," he said, wagging his tail.



And they all followed the puppy that went into the forest following a narrow path.





They had been walking for a while when they found a piglet and asked him,

“Nice piglet, did you happen to see someone loaded with face masks?”

The piglet hadn't seen anyone, but he accompanied them in case he could help.



In the middle of a meadow was a cow. They approached her and asked, "Hello, cow, did you happen to see someone carrying a lot of face masks?" The cow had seen no one and she also wanted to go with them to help.



They kept walking a little discouraged, thinking they might not be successful. Then they found a sheep. And the sheep told them that wool could be made into yarn to weave a cloth.

"If you want, take my wool," he told them.



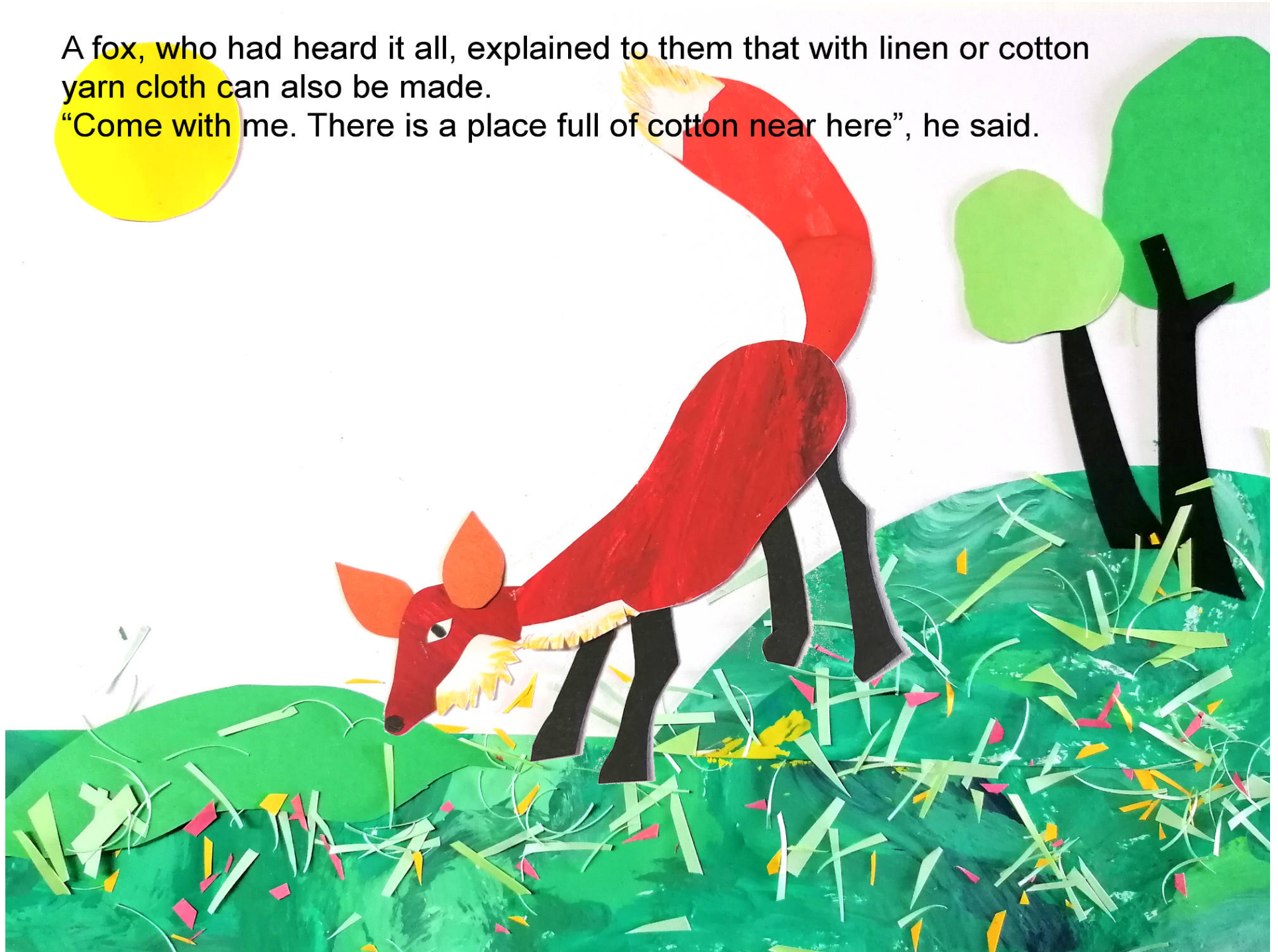
"How lucky we were to find you," said a little boy. "Now we can make the face masks ourselves!"

"But we need a lot of wool. We have to make face masks for everyone, said another. The wool of a single sheep will not be enough!"



A fox, who had heard it all, explained to them that with linen or cotton yarn cloth can also be made.

“Come with me. There is a place full of cotton near here”, he said.



They went there with him and harvested as much as they could.



When they returned to the village, after preparing the thread, they set up the loom and made cloth to make face masks.



Soon they had many of pieces of fabric cut to the right size. Then everyone painted the face masks in the color they liked the best.





Even the cow, the piglet and the sheep had their own face mask.



Tired but happy, they organized a big party to celebrate their success.



The mayor named them the heroes of the village because they had made everyone safer.



**"AND THEY LIVED  
HAPPILY EVER AFTER"**

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## **THE HEROES OF THE FACE MASKS**

This story aims to help children lose their fear of face masks. They will see them as a treasure that protects both the young and old.

The face masks mysteriously disappear. When children try to get them back, they discover how they can make them themselves. Therefore, there will always be masks for everyone. Thus they become heroes who make the neighbors of their village live in a safer place.