



A member of the Toy Hall of Fame, the Rubber Duck has been around since the late 1800's. [History](#)

[Rubber Ducks and Their Significance in Contemporary American Culture](#) by Lotte Larsen Meyer

Children

Take & Make:

STEM Kit-Buoyancy: Send home a variety of items for the classic sink or float experiment. Read *Swim Swim Sink* and other books that explore buoyancy and do a sink or float experiment together virtually.

Paper Rubber Ducks: The ideas are endless--color them for patterns--number them--hide them for scavenger hunts.

Ducks Crafts: [Cutest duck crafts](#)

Read:

Bunting, Eve (1997), **Ducky** *Based on real events, a crate of rubber ducks goes overboard in a violent storm. What will happen to ducky?*

Carle, Eric (2005), **Ten Little Rubber Ducks**, Harper Collins, 978-0060740757

Cousins, Lucy (2019), **Splish, Splash, Ducky**, Candlewick (boardbook), 978-1536200041

Flack, Marjorie (2014), **Story About Ping**, Grosset & Dunlap, 978-0448482330
Originally published in 1933 with concepts of family and problem solving.

Harney, Jen (2020), ***Swim Swim Slnk***, Little Brown Books for Young Readers, 978-1368052764

Hill, Tad, ***Duck and Goose series***.

Thompson, Lauren, ***Little Quack series***.

Yiangou, Maria (2018), ***Your're Not a Duck!*** Independently Published, 978-1976818523 *Rhyming book about it being ok to be different.*

Song/Game:

Five Little Ducks Fingerplay

Five little ducks went out one day, (Hold up five fingers)

Over the hills and far away, (Wave bye-bye)

Mother duck said "Quack, quack, quack, quack,"

But only four little ducks came back. (Hold up four fingers)

Repeat rhyme for:

Four little ducks went out one day...

Three little ducks went out one day...

Two little ducks went out one day...

One little ducks went out one day...

Over the hills and far away, (wave bye-bye)

Mother duck said "Quack, quack, quack, quack,

"But none of the five little ducks came back. (open hands in an 'empty' gesture)

Sad mother duck went out one day, (sing it sadly and slowly)

Over the hills and far away,

Mother duck said, "QUACK! QUACK! QUACK! QUACK!"

And all of the five little ducks came back.(Wave hand with all five fingers!)

Activity:

Start a Rubber Ducky Early Literacy Group. Use it to [promote 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten](#). Example of [activities from the Nauvoo Public Library, IL](#); [Flint Memorial Library, MA](#); and [Hamilton Public Library, IL](#). Note: This might work well for the animal themed 2021 summer reading program as well.

Rubber Duck Hunt in Your Community: Distribute duck craft or paper duck template and have people put them in their windows before Rubber Ducky Day. How many rubber ducks can you find in your town?

Teens & Adults:

Read:

Take & Make:

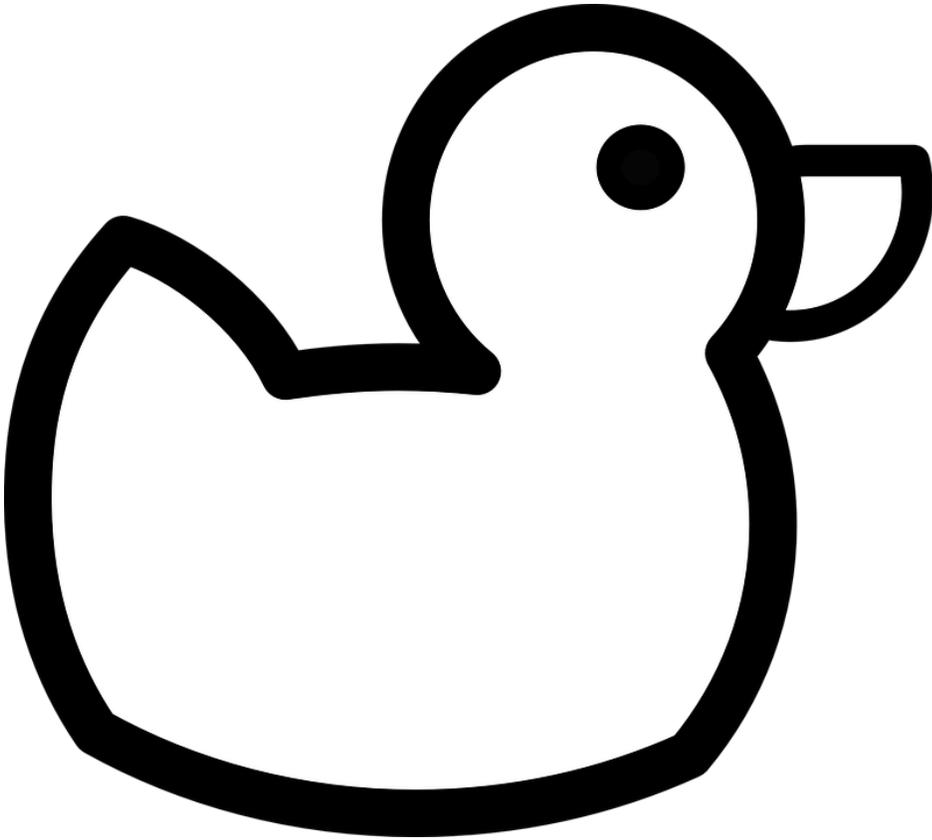
Stress ReDUCKtion: Provide stress ball ducks. [How “Rubber Ducking” can boost your confidence.](#)

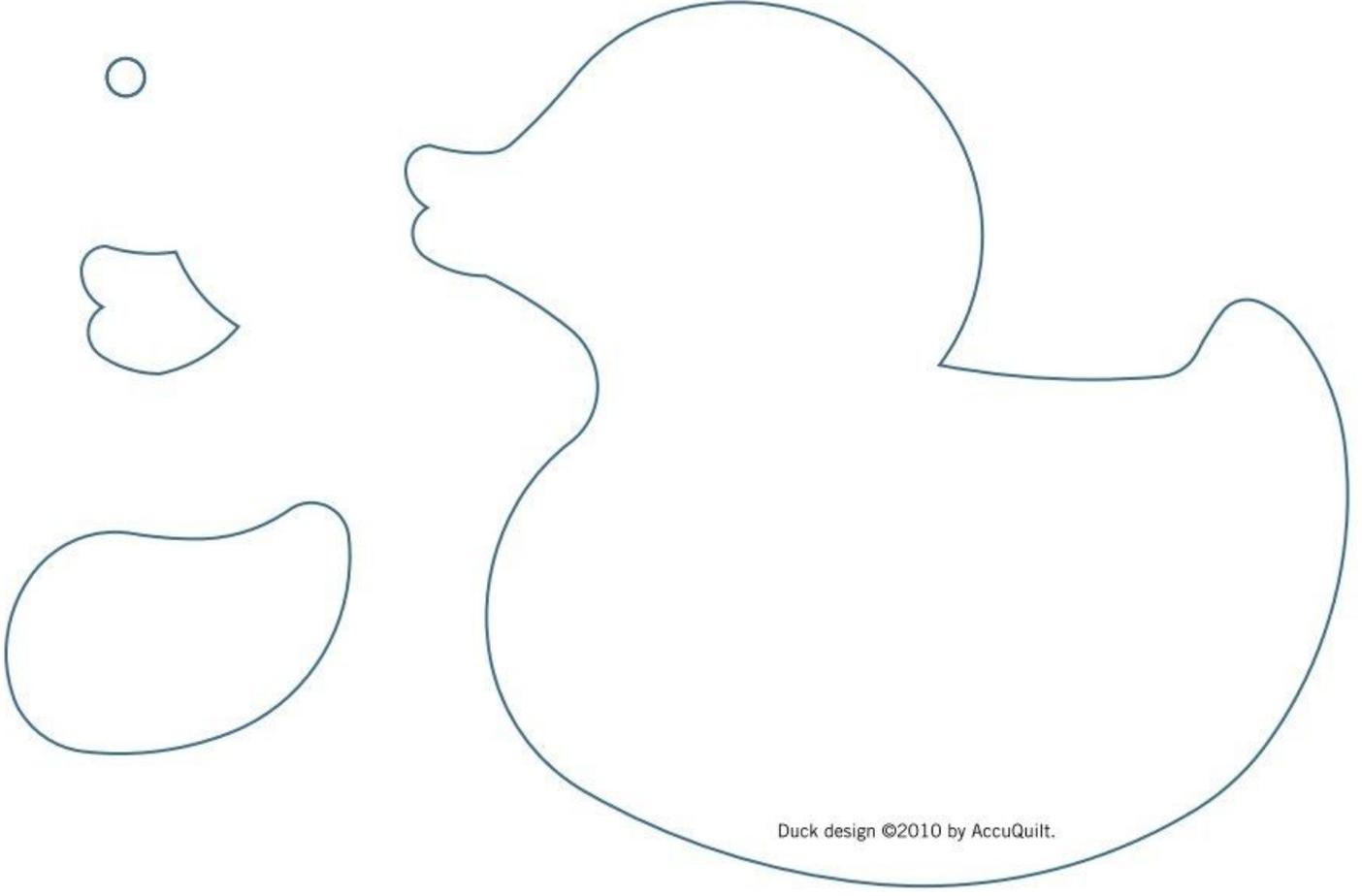
Program Ideas:

For those concerned about our environment and recycling, use the book by Rick Smith, *Slow Death by Rubber Duck*.

Stress ReDUCKtion: Programs that include stress reduction and or confidence building resources or speakers.

Duck Programs: Host virtual programs on waterfowl, raising ducks, or duck calls (have a competition).





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