

Grandma's Nine-Patch Car Town  
And  
Fishing Game

This little blankie can be used as

A napping/cuddling blankie—each square can be the impetus of rhymes, a story or songs, as the child is wrapped in the blankie, or lays down on it, or under it. The stories could be real ones from the storyteller's life, or folk/fairie tales, or a make-it-up-as-you-go story.

A picnic blankie—each child can choose where to picnic by sitting next to the square where they would like to go. Food goes in the middle.

A travel blankie—cover a chilly or sleeping child, block the sun from the eyes, take turns to tell a rhyme, poem, story, or sing songs for each square.

A lap quilt for grandma, or anyone needing a bit of cover.

The car town side has roads for little cars to go to different places. The reverse can be used as a fishing game. Put the felt fishies on the sea side of the blankie, then fish for them with the line with a magnet at the end. A pole can be attached, but my experience is that it makes it more difficult, and can become a dangerous means of swinging the magnet around. Might be fine for older kids (kids from 1 to 12 love to try their hand at the fishing game). You can try to catch one fish, next round 2 fish, and so on, taking turns.

Cars can go (and some naptime/cuddle time ideas):

--to the circus

- a. read If I Ran the Circus by Dr. Seuss
- b. watch "Dumbo", Disney movie
- c. sing "Un elefante se balanceaba sobre la tela de un arana"

--to the neighborhood

Read And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street by Dr Seuss; or, Around Our Way on Neighbors' Day by Tameka Fryer Brown

watch "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood", or Baby Einstein "Baby's Favorite Places; First Words—Around Town" sing "People in Your Neighborhood", from Sesame Street, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7gIjEdCootY> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YZIC-GhzNos>, etc., or, "The Sunny Side of the Street"

--to the park

- a. read Water in the Park by Emily Jenkins
- b. sing, "Saturday in the Park" (by Chicago), or "The Ants Go Marching", or "The Rain, The Park and Other Things" (Cowsills)

--to see or take ride on the balloons

- a. read Curious George and the Hot Air Balloon by H.A Rey, Margret Rey
- b. sing "Up, Up and Away" (performed by 5<sup>th</sup> Dimension)
- c. watch "Around the World in 80 Days"

--downtown

- a. read Downtown Lost and Found by Frank B. Edwards, John Bianchi
- b. sing "Downtown" (Petula Clark), or "The Wheels on the Bus", or "Summer in the City" (Lovin' Spoonful)

--farmer's market

- a. read To Market, to Market by Nikki McClure
- b. Mother Goose Rhyme, "To Market, to Market, to buy a fat pig", "Apples and Bananas", "Hot Cross Buns" . . .
- c. watch "State Fair" (1945 romance/musical)

--to the seaside

- a. read What Lives in a Shell? By Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld, or Good Night Beach by Adam Gamble, or The Seashore Book by Charlotte Zolotow
- b. tongue twister: She sells seashells by the seashore.
- c. sing or listen to Beach Boys songs (classical options: Debussy "La Mer", Handel "Water Music", Mendelssohn "Hebrides Overture")

--fishing/camping

- a. read Curious George Goes Camping, Caillou Goes Camping, or Amelia Bedelia Goes Camping
- b. sing "A Fishing We Will Go" (tune of "A Hunting We Will Go"), or "Three Little Fishies", or "There's a Little White Duck"

--to grandma's, or the farm

- a. sing "Over the River and Through the Woods", or "Old MacDonald's Farm", "Farmer in the Dell" . . .
- b. read Barnyard Dance! by Sandra Boynton, or Click, Clack, Moo: Cows that Type
- c. watch "Charlotte's Web", or classic "Lassie" episodes

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### Airplane songs:

—Off We Go into the Wild Blue Yonder

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—Snoopy vs. the Red Baron

—Snoopy's Christmas

—Wind Beneath my Wings

—more at

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/>

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### Songs about animals:

- "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" by the Tokens
- "The Unicorn" by the Irish Rovers
- "I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas" by John Rox
- "At the Zoo" by Simon & Garfunkel

### Patriotic songs:

—The Star Spangled Banner

—America the Beautiful

—My Country, 'Tis of Thee

—God Bless America

—I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy

—This Land is Your Land

—Yankee Doodle

—more at

<http://www.scoutsongs.com/categories/patriotic-songs.html>

### songs about the neighborhood:

- "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" (from Mr. Roger's Neighborhood)
- "My Neighborhood Song" (from Barney)
- "Who Are the People in Your Neighborhood?" (from Sesame Street)
- "The Sunny Side of the Street"

### Songs about the city:

- "Downtown"
- "Summer in the City" Lovin' Spoonful
- "New York, New York"
- "New York State of Mind"

### To grandmother's house we go:

- "To Grandmother's House We Go"
- "Grandma's Song" by Barry Brown
- more:  
<http://www.starmedia.us/woman/top-list-of-the-best-songs-to-dedicate-to-your-grandparents.html>

### At the café:

- "Do You Know the Muffin Man?"
- "Apples and Bananas"
- "I'm a Little Teapot"
- "C is for Cookie"
- "On Top of Spaghetti"
- "American Pie" Don McLean
- "Food, Glorious Food" from ("Oliver!")
- "Jambalaya" ("On the Bayou" by the Carpenters)

### At the park:

- "Saturday in the Park" by Chicago
- "The Rain, The Park and Other Things" by the Cowsills
- "Beautiful Sunday" by Daniel Boone
- "Keep the Park Clean for the Pigeons" (Sesame Street)

### farm songs:

- "Old MacDonald Had a Farm"
- "Baa, Baa Black Sheep"
- "Farmer in the Dell"
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- "Los pollitos dicen"
- "Five Little Ducks"

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songs for the circus:

- "Un elephante se balanceaba sobre la tela de un arana"
- songs from Disney's "Dumbo" movie

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- "The Streets of Laredo"

At the beach:

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- "Summer Breeze" by Seals & Crofts

farm songs:

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Zoo:

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About the market:

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 "Apples and Bananas"  
 "One Potato, Two Potato . . ."  
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 "To the Market" <http://www.kiddles.com/lyrics/t060.html>

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Balloons:

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- "Yellow Balloon" by The Yellow Balloon

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- "Gone Fishin'", by Louis Armstrong and Bing Crosby
- "Three Little Fishies"
- "Talking Fishing Blues" by Woody Guthrie
- "A Bad Day's Fishing" by Slim Dusty
- "The Fish'n Hole" from the Andy Griffith Show, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f9xw8oNpBJY>

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