

# Apple Blossom Tree

**Objective:** Apple trees bloom in the spring and ripen in the fall. Use this activity to learn more about the apple life cycle.

**Illinois Learning Standards:** 12.A.1a; 12A.2a; 12.A.1b; 12.A.2b

**Assessment Frameworks:** 12.4.01; 12.4.02; 12.4.04; 12.4.06

## Suggested Reading:

The Apple Pie Tree by Zoe Hall (ISBN 0-590-62383-4)

Hooray for Orchards by Bobbie Kalman (ISBN 0-86505-667-6)

Apple Picking Time by Michele Benoit Slawson (ISBN 0-517-88575-1)

A Song for Lena by Hilary Horder Hippely (ISBN 0-689-80763-5)

## Materials Needed:

brown construction paper

white tissue paper

scissors

red marker

green construction paper

pink tissue paper

bee or bug sticker

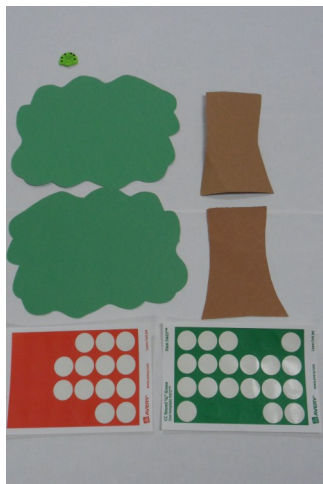
glue sticks

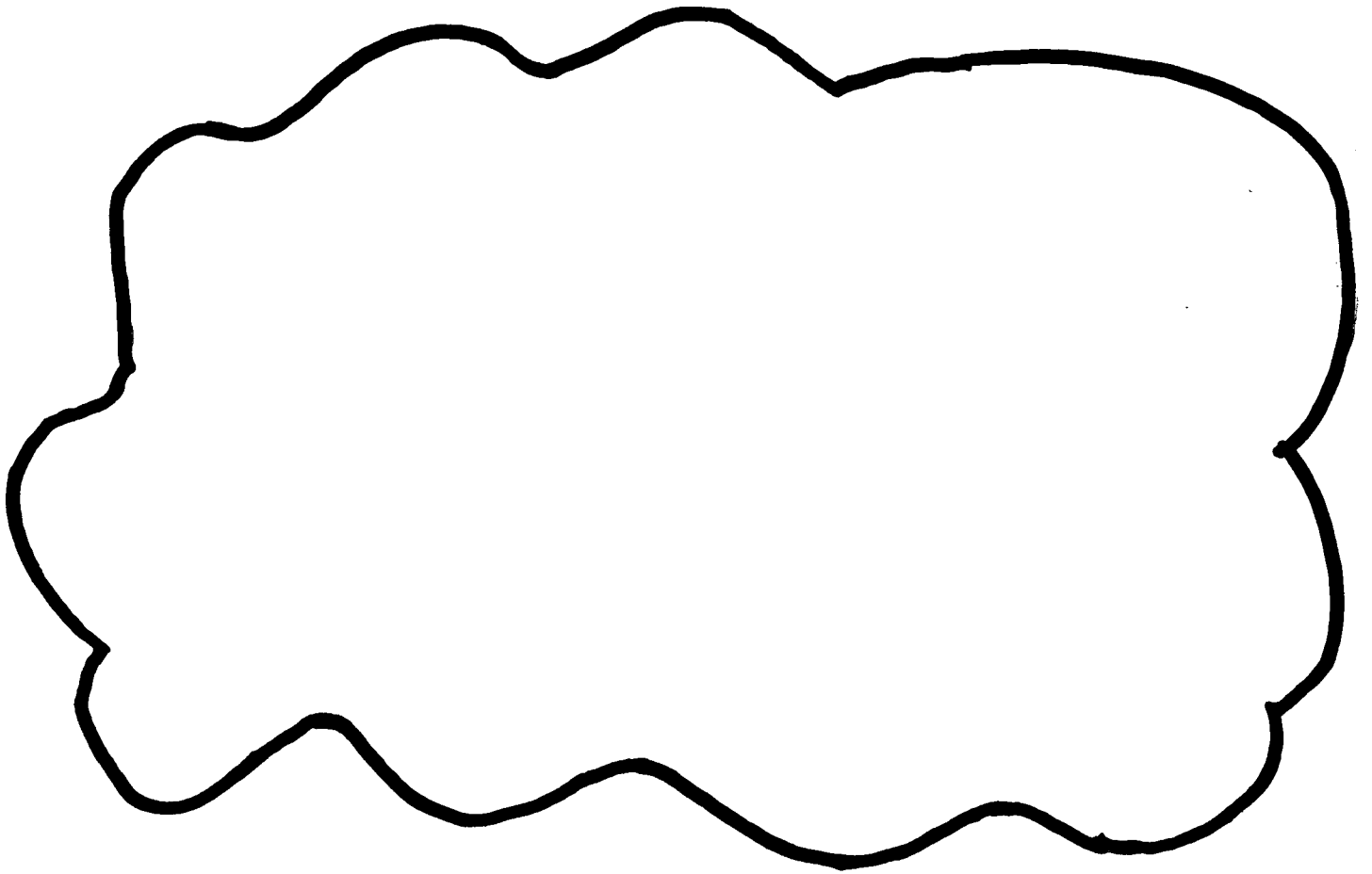
red bingo markers

brown marker

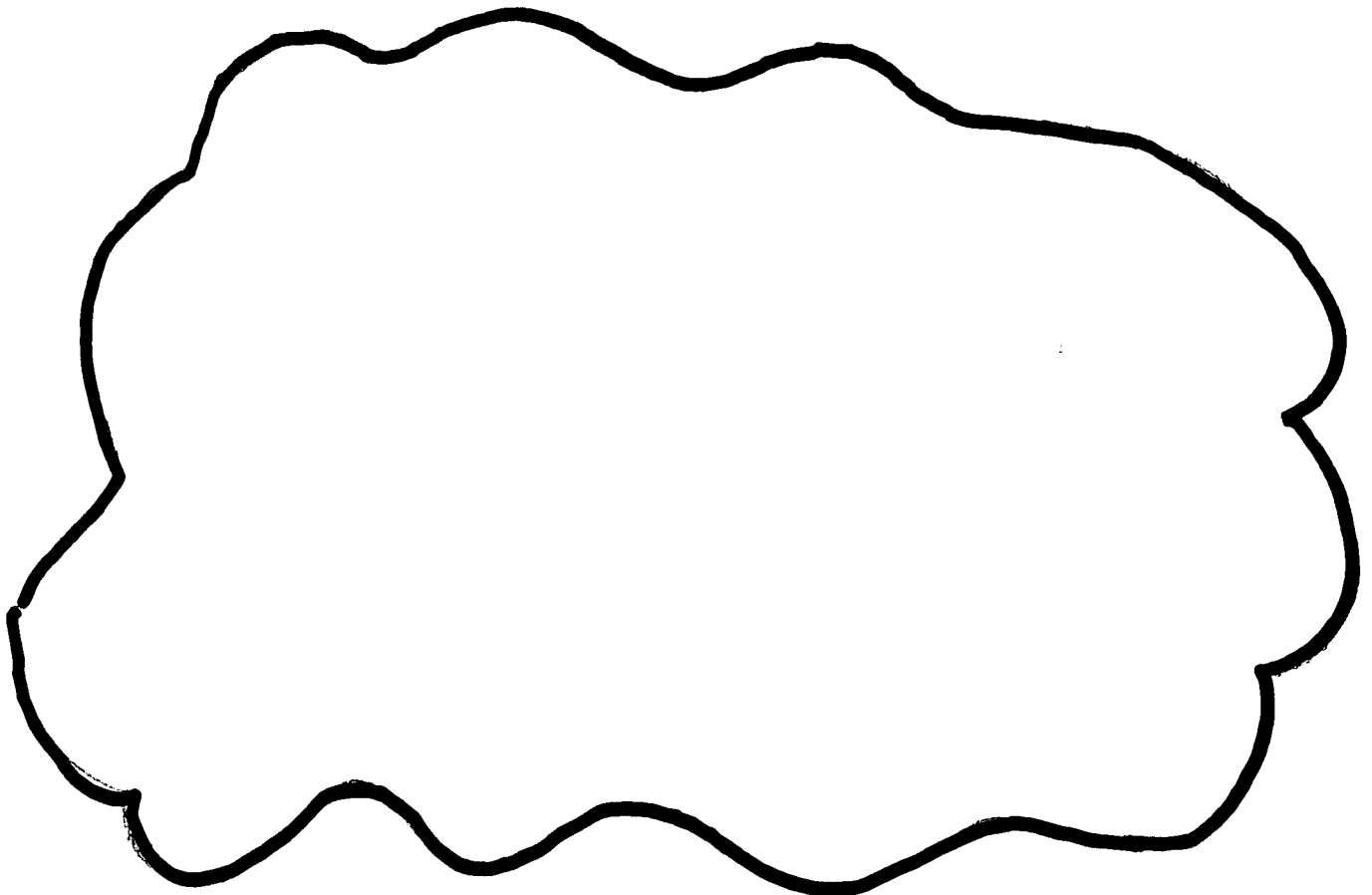
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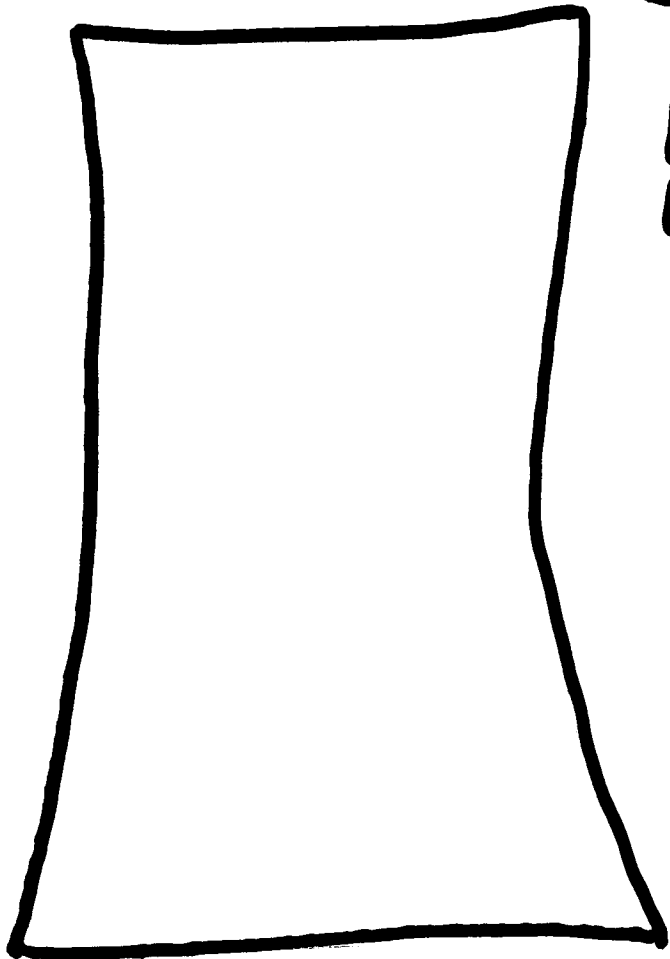
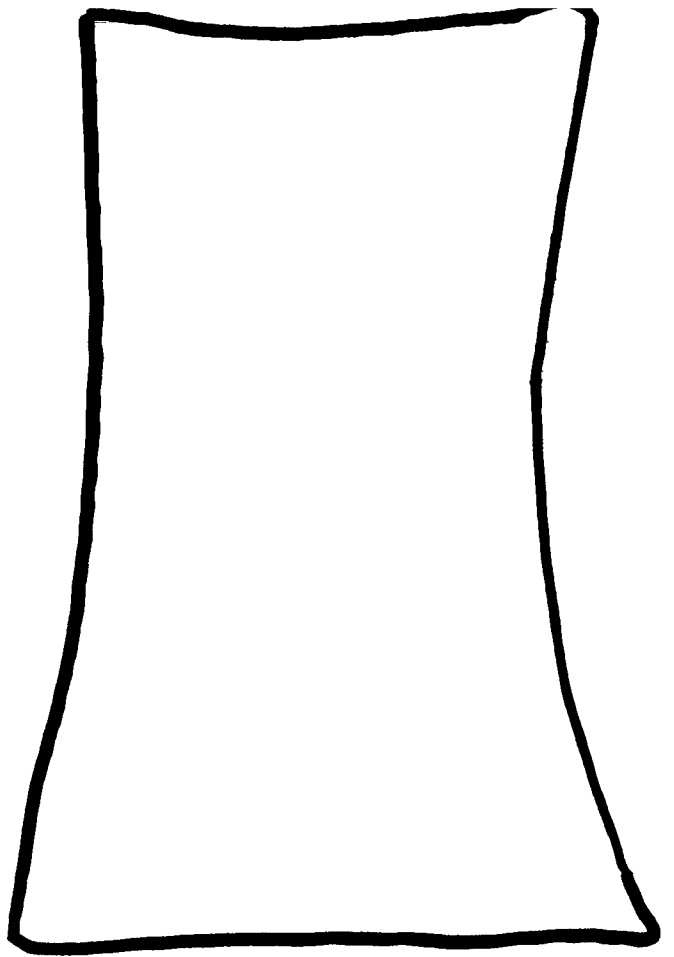
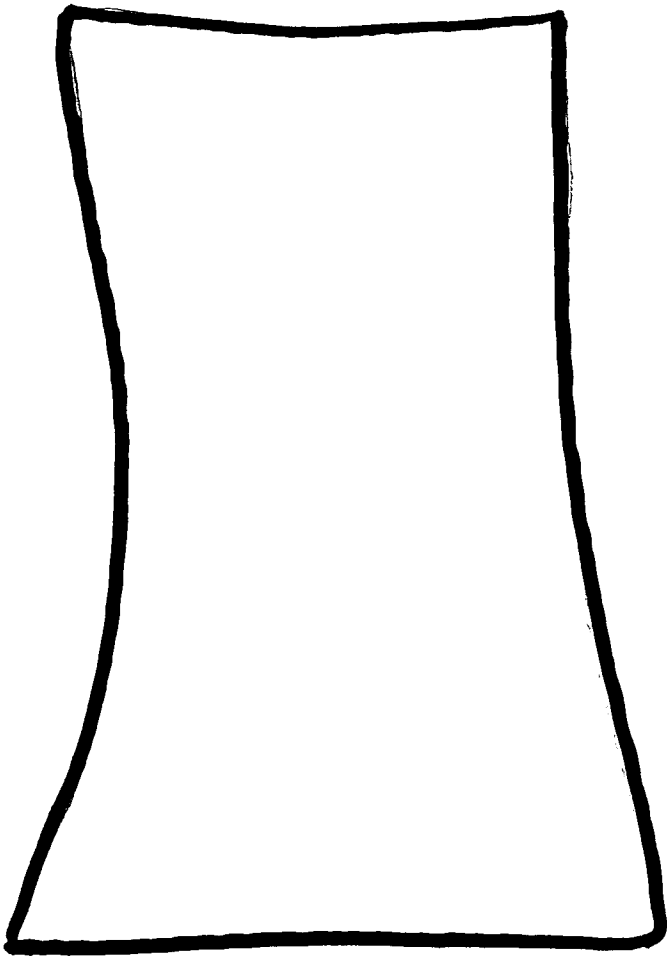
1. Trace the two treetops onto green construction paper and cut out. Two tops are needed for each tree.
2. Trace the tree trunk onto brown construction paper and cut out.
3. Lay one treetop on the table. Glue the tree trunk to this top. Then, match up and glue on the other top.
4. Cut pink and white tissue paper into small squares.
5. On one side of the tree, glue on crumpled tissue paper to represent blossoms.
6. Add a bug or bee sticker to the blossoms. Pollination must occur in order for an apple to grow. This growth first starts in the flower. Label this side of the trunk "spring."
7. On the other side of the tree, use the bingo marker to dab circle on the treetop. When the ink is dry, use the red marker to create stems. Label this side of the trunk "fall."





Leaves





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