Storyboards are endlessly entertaining. They are great for days home sick or rainy afternoons, and they encourage the growth of your child's reading and storytelling skills. Because felt has a natural knack of grabbing onto things, making these felt boards couldn't be easier. So the next time you and your child are confronted with a particularly dull Wednesday evening or weekend afternoon, and you’re looking for a project to pass the time, try this felt storyboard activity.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Start by making a background - glue a large plain sheet of felt to a piece of cardboard (or you could use two colours to create a sky and ground effect).

2. Next, create your “attachables.” To make these, either cut out magazine images or photographs and glue them on felt pieces, or cut out shapes from the felt directly.

If you need help with ideas for these perhaps start with a fairy tale like the Cinderella story, you might cut out people shapes for Cinderella, the Prince and the wicked stepmother, a fancy dress to go over Cinderella’s rags, horses, a giant pumpkin carriage, friendly mice, or glass slippers, etc.
Encourage your child to think about things they would like in their story and be sure to include enough elements so that your child can play around with the story.

3. Your child can glue pieces of felt on top of other pieces to add character, and if you’re handy with a needle, it’s nice (but not necessary) to embroider faces on the characters - otherwise, you (or your child) can use a texta.

4. Once you’re done, your child can move the people and objects around on the storyboard to create different scenes and scenarios. And because felt naturally sticks to itself, you don’t need to bother doing anything else to make it work!

You can create a range of backgrounds and attachables and bring them the next time you and your child take a long car trip.

Materials:

- Sheets of felt, in various colours
- Scissors
- Fabric glue
- Piece of cardboard - cut to the size your child would like her background to be (optional)
- Textas
- Magazine clippings, old pictures, etc.