Preparing a flannel board story is easy and fun. I used *The Flannel Board Storytelling Book* by Judy Sierra (The H.W. Wilson Company, 1987) to help prepare the story. In your local library, you can find a variety of books with other story ideas and easy to use illustrations to help create characters. Sierra’s book includes instructions for making a felt board if you do not already have one, or they can be store bought.

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**Materials:**
- Felt pieces for the Troll, Large Billy Goat, Medium Billy Goat, Small Billy Goat, Bridge and two mountains. Choose whatever colors you like (one mountain should be brown and the other green).
- Scissors
- Colorful permanent Markers (Sharpie Fine Point work well).

**Directions:**
- Begin by drawing the characters onto your felt pieces; this can be done freehand or tracing.
- Cut out each figure and decorate using the permanent markers. Be careful not to over decorate so that the details can be seen from a distance by your audience.
- Learn the story. Try and make it your own, this will make the audience more responsive to your telling and those of us who have difficulty memorizing scripts will have an easier time!
- When telling the story with the flannel board, try not to move the characters around too much because it will distract the audience from the tale.
- Most importantly, have fun telling the story! With *The Three Billy Goats*, kids may want to “klip, klop” along with you.
- An additional activity after the story can be to have the kids make or decorate their own felt Billy Goats and/or Trolls.