



## Blue Chicken by Deborah Freedman

In this deceptively simple picture book, author-illustrator Deborah Freedman has created an irresistible character that springs to life and wreaks havoc in a farmyard with a pot of blue paint. The innocent chicken just wants to help, but things get worse and worse-and bluer and bluer--the more she tries. Playing with colors and perspective, and using minimal text, this richly layered story reveals new things to see and laugh about with each reading. Google Books

### Let's Talk

Front matter – Look at the title page and discuss what you see. Predict what will happen. Why is the barn unpainted? What colors do you see? What do you think could happen with the 2 paint pots?  
Discuss what it means to accidentally do something and how you feel when things don't go as planned.

### Let's Move

Finger play/song

*Chook-chook, chook-chook-chook,  
Good morning, Mrs. Hen!  
How many children do you have?  
Madam, I have ten.  
Four of them are yellow,  
Four of them are brown,  
And two of them are speckled red,  
The nicest in the town.*

*Can You Find?*

(Tune: Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush)

Place a variety of colored blocks, craft sticks, ribbons or other tokens in the center of the circle before you begin. Each child finds an object to match the color being sung about. Alternatively, one child is chosen to find the object for each verse.

*Can you find the color red\*,  
The color red, the color red?  
Can you find the color red,  
And hold it in the air?*

*\* Repeat, naming a different color each time.*

### Let's Create

Get out the water colors, water and brushes or spray bottles and paint on cut out farm animals.

### Pair with:

“The Little Red Hen” (multiple versions available)

“Mouse Paint” by Ellen Stohl Walsh

