

Paper Plate Projects



Paper plates are a great resource for projects. You can use them to make a variety of projects and you can also use them to hold materials for other projects you make.

Paper Plate Projects:

Make A Mask

Steps:

1. Use the paper plate as the main "face" of your mask.
2. Decorate your mask with yarn, felt, crayons, markers, buttons etc.
3. Make holes for eyes. (Nose and mouth if desired) (Babysitters should do the cutting for young children)
4. Punch holes on each side and tie with string or yarn. (Do not make the string too long...for safety reasons).
5. Make up a skit to go along with your new masks.

Make a Flower

Steps:

1. Color or paint your paper plate. Do this on newspaper to avoid a mess.
2. Using the paper plate center as the center of a flower, Cut slits to about 3 inches to the center around the plate.
3. Slightly fold the outside petals forward.
4. In the center you can do one of the following:
5. Write child's name in glitter
6. Cut tissue paper into 1 inch squares. Scrunch and glue in center.
7. Cut out magazine pictures and paste.
8. Put a picture of the child in the center.

Use your imagination.

Make an instrument

Steps:

1. Decorate two paper plates.
2. Put the two paper plates together and staple (Babysitters should do this part and be careful not to have sharp edges.) or use school glue. Leave a small opening on one edge.
3. Put beans, rice, etc into the center.
4. Staple or glue closed.

5. Add additional ribbon streamers, yarn etc.
6. Shake and make music!

Make a Butterfly

Steps:

1. Cut out an oval for the body, and with crayons/markers/colored pencils, color the oval.
2. Cut out two pieces of the ruffled side about two inches long. Color and bend into shape.
3. Tie a string on it and hang from your room.

Variation.

1. Use two paper plates.
2. Cut out the body with one.
3. Fold the other paper plate in half and staple to the body. (wings folded up).

Make a Lady Bug

You need two paper plates.

Steps:

1. Color one paper plate red.
2. Use one paper plate and cut around the rim.
3. Cut the rim to make legs for the ladybug and glue or paste to the other paper plate.
4. Use the center of the cut-up plate:
5. Cut a head for your lady bug
6. Cut spots and color them black
7. Glue spots to red plate.

Contributors:

I would make a paper plate sunshine.

All one would have to do is first take a paper plate and then take yellow transparent paper and cover the paper plate with it.

Then you take orange paper and make some sun rays with the orange all around the rim of the plate.

You could also make a smiley face on it with some different color paper.

Let me know if you like my idea. I have done it with the kids and they have loved it. It can brighten up any room.:)

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Have fun!