



Paper Plate Animal Masks

Gather

- Paper plates
- Crayons or markers
- Glue or tape
- Scissors
- Sticks (popsicle sticks, plastic dinnerware, twigs from outside, etc.)
- Construction paper (or white paper that is colored with markers/crayons)

Let's Create!

1. Press the paper plate against your face. With a crayon or marker, do your best to mark the plate where your eyes are.
2. Cut small eye holes where you have marked on the plate.
3. Color and cut pieces of paper for ears, beaks, & noses. Go online or use animal books for assistance.
4. Glue or tape the paper pieces to the paper plate.
5. Add any other details with crayon or marker.
6. Tape your stick to the back of the plate.

How Does it Work?

Masks are a great way to pretend! But did you know that masks have been used all around the world for centuries for different uses? Discover more information and examples at:

<https://www.britannica.com/art/mask-face-covering/Funerary-and-commemorative-uses>

<https://www.vmfamuseum.org/collections/african-art/>

<https://www.clevelandart.org/art/collection/search?i=1&search=mask>

Take it Further!

Make several masks and create a puppet show or play using them! What might a group of farm animals do all day on the farm? Get creative with the rest of your costume or props - even pick some music to play. Give your performance for an audience of stuffed animals or your whole family!