

ART · K–Y3

Paper Plate Animals

Craft activity — 6 animal designs

You will need

Materials list

- Paper plates (1 per child per animal)
- Paint or felt-tip pens
- Coloured card or card offcuts
- Scissors (child-safe)
- Glue sticks
- Googly eyes (optional)
- Wool or string for whiskers / mane
- Pencil for drawing before cutting

How to make a lion

1. Paint or colour the plate ORANGE or YELLOW.
2. On orange card, draw and cut 12–16 triangular mane pieces.
3. Glue the mane pieces around the BACK edge of the plate so they stick out.
4. Draw or cut and glue two ROUND eyes onto the plate.
5. Cut a small triangle for the NOSE from pink card. Glue in the centre.
6. Add a curved smile with felt-tip pen.



7. Cut two small rounded EARS from orange card. Glue at the top.
8. Add whiskers with a black felt-tip pen — three on each side.

How to make an owl

1. Paint the plate BROWN or GREY.
2. Cut two large CIRCLES from yellow card — these are the owl's big eyes.
3. Add smaller black circles in the centre of each eye.
4. Cut a small DIAMOND shape from orange or yellow card for the beak. Fold it in half and glue.
5. Cut two rounded WING shapes from brown card. Glue on either side.
6. Add V-shaped FEATHER markings with a pencil or felt-tip.

Extension challenges

1. Can you write 5 facts about your animal on the back?
2. Can you design your own animal that isn't in the pack?
3. Could you make a whole class display — a jungle, a farm, or an arctic scene?

