

Paper Plate Animal Masks

Roar, oink, or hoot—it's time to turn simple paper plates into a zoo of animal masks! This craft is perfect for kids who love animals and want to create their very own masks to wear during playtime. Whether you're in the mood to become a fierce lion, a fluttery butterfly, or a wise owl, these paper plate animal masks will add a touch of wild fun to your day!



Materials List:

- **Plain white paper plates** (one for each mask—you're creating the base for your masterpiece!)
- **Colorful craft paints** (think bright yellows, blues, greens, and more for all kinds of animals!)
- **Markers or crayons** (for adding cute details and outlines)
- **Craft glue** (to hold those ears and whiskers in place!)
- **Safety scissors** (adult help for cutting is a must!)
- **Colorful construction paper** (for making ears, horns, or wings!)
- **Googly eyes or black marker** (for eyes that really pop!)
- **Craft sticks or elastic string** (to hold your mask up or tie it on)
- **Feathers, glitter, and pom-poms** (for that extra flair!)

Instructions: Let's Get Crafting!

1. **Pick Your Plate:** Choose a paper plate to transform into your favorite animal! Think about whether you want it to be a jungle cat, a farm friend, or a fantastical creature.
2. **Cut Out Eye Holes:** With adult supervision, cut out two eye holes in the paper plate. This will let you see through your mask when you wear it!
3. **Paint the Base:** Paint the entire plate in the main color of your animal. Yellow for a lion, pink for a pig, or even rainbow for a magical unicorn! Let it dry before moving on.
4. **Add the Features:** Cut out ears, wings, or horns from colorful construction paper. Glue them to the top or sides of the plate. Use feathers for a bird's wings or paper triangles for a fox's ears!
5. **Bring It to Life:** Stick on googly eyes or draw eyes with a marker. Use the markers or crayons to add a nose, a big smile, or any patterns your animal might have, like stripes or spots.
6. **Finishing Touches:** Add pom-poms for a fuzzy nose or sprinkle on some glitter for a magical touch. Feathers work great for bird masks, while yarn makes fantastic whiskers!
7. **Attach Your Handle:** Glue a craft stick to the bottom of the plate to hold up your mask, or attach an elastic string so it can be worn hands-free.
8. **Wear and Play!** Put on your new mask and get ready to roar, squawk, or squeak! Gather your friends or family for an animal parade right in your living room!

Craft Bonus: Add Some Flair!

- **Mix and Match:** Create a hybrid animal! What does a lion with butterfly wings look like? Or a frog with owl eyes?
- **Make a Mask Family:** Create a whole family of masks, each representing a different animal! It's perfect for playtime with siblings or friends.
- **Glitter Galore:** Add glitter to make a shiny unicorn or a sparkly fish! Use beads or sequins for extra sparkle.