

HI! I'M JOY



So happy to meet you!

Hi! My name is Joy, and I'm the founder and chief creator at "In the Bag Kids' Crafts". As a pediatric occupational therapist, I've developed a passion for helping parents truly connect with their children in meaningful ways while also helping kids develop skills needed to be successful in school and life. It's truly my belief that the best way to do that is through play, and especially through the creative process (like doing crafts)! But LIFE IS BUSY!!! So, I've designed a unique approach that makes creating with your family actually do-able and enjoyable, not just one more stress-filled thing on the "to-do" list. We do this by keeping the crafts simple and making each from the SAME master list of supplies which fit into one bag. REALLY!

A collection of various craft supplies is displayed on a white surface. The items include several glue sticks (one red, one blue, one yellow, one green, one purple), a set of colorful markers, a box of crayons, a container of pom-poms in various colors (red, yellow, green, blue), a pair of googly eyes, a metal punch tool, a wooden clothespin, a small wooden block, a black Sharpie marker, and a small white pom-pom. The supplies are arranged in a somewhat organized manner, with some items grouped together. The background is a light blue gradient. The word "Supplies" is written in a large, bold, blue font at the bottom left of the image.

Supplies

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- # Supplies
- Construction paper
 - Scissors (kid & adult)
 - Stapler
 - Glue stick
 - Elmer's glue
 - Hole punch
 - Tissue paper
 - Googly eyes
 - Markers
 - Crayons
 - Pompoms
 - Clothespins
 - Large popsicle sticks
 - Black Sharpie marker
 - Pencil
 - Paper lunch bags
 - Paper plate (9-inch coated)
 - Scotch tape
 - Metal brads
 - Washi tape
 - Paints
 - Newspaper
 - White yarn
 - Pipe cleaners
 - Pony beads
 - Q-tips
 - Cotton balls

TIPS & TRICKS



Just a Couple More Things...

- There are several crafts in this collection that start with a popsicle stick triangle frame. You may want to make several in advance to have on hand.
- In many instances, you can replace Elmer's glue with "Glue Dots" which will eliminate wait time for glue to dry.
- Check out [THIS ARTICLE](#) on the many benefits of using craft flashcards
- For even more craft flashcards, check out our collection of [100 Craft Flashcard Sets!!!](#)

SNOWY OWL CRAFT



Materials

- 7 Large popsicle sticks
- Newspaper
- White paint
- Pompom
- Clothespin
- Markers
- Scotch tape
- Construction paper
- Glue stick
- Elmer's glue
- White yarn
- Scissors
- Owl craft template

SNOWY OWL CRAFT



Step 1

- Lay 5 large popsicle sticks side by side in an arrow-like formation.
- Place a line of Elmer's glue along 2 additional popsicle sticks and lay them across the others at an angle.
- Give the glue time to dry. You may even want to do this the day before.

SNOWY OWL CRAFT



Step 2

- Once the glue has dried, lay the popsicle stick formation on some newspaper.
- Pinch the pompom with a clothespin to create a "paint brush".
- Paint the front white.

SNOWY OWL CRAFT



Step 3

- Download and print out the owl craft template.
- Use it to cut out all of the pieces for your owl from construction paper.

SNOWY OWL CRAFT



Step 4

- Use the glue stick to attach the centers of the eyes to the large black circles.
- Then take a marker (we used gray) to create some details on the wings.
- Also draw on the eyes.

SNOWY OWL CRAFT



Step 5

- Once the paint has dried, tape the end of the white yarn to the back of the popsicle sticks.
- Wrap the yarn around the sticks, leaving the top 2 inches and bottom inch uncovered, until the center is nice and fluffy.

SNOWY OWL CRAFT



Step 6

- Now it's time to put the pieces of your snowy owl together.
- Use the glue stick to attach the eyes and beak.
- Then use some Elmer's glue to attach the wings to the yarn.

SNOWY OWL CRAFT



Step 7

- For some final touches, use a marker to draw on the "horns" of your snowy owl.
- You can also add details to the bottom of the owl and anywhere else you would like.

PAPER PLATE LLAMA CRAFT



Materials

- Paper plates
- Scissors
- 4 Clothespins
- White paint
- Markers
- Craft template
- Pompom
- White yarn
- Scotch tape
- Black Sharpie
- Construction paper

PAPER PLATE LLAMA CRAFT



Step 1

- Place your 4 clothespins on a paper plate.
- There are 2 options: paint the clothespins white using a pompom or cover them with some washi tape on the flat areas and trim away the excess.

PAPER PLATE LLAMA CRAFT



Step 2

- Draw an 'L' shape on the back of the paper plate and draw a cloud like shape around it.
- Cut it out.
- OR use the craft template for your llama.

PAPER PLATE LLAMA CRAFT



Step 3

- Tape the end of your white yarn to the back of your cut out llama.
- Wrap around the shape, leaving the head uncovered, until your llama is fluffy.

PAPER PLATE LLAMA CRAFT



Step 4

- Cut 2 ears out of your paper plate scraps.
- Attach them with your glue stick.
- Use the markers to give your llama a happy face and any other details you would like.

PAPER PLATE LLAMA CRAFT



Step 5

- Use your black Sharpie marker to draw black squares on the bottom of each of the 4 leg clothespins.
- Then pinch and attach the legs to the llama body.

PAPER PLATE LLAMA CRAFT



Step 6

- Use construction paper and whatever else you have in your craft bag to create any other accents you want for your llama craft. We gave him a blanket and a pretty collar.

POPSICLE STICK GUINEA PIG



Materials

- 3 Large popsicle sticks
- Elmer's glue
- Paint (white)
- Newspaper
- Scissors
- Pompom
- Markers
- Construction paper
- Glue stick
- Craft template

POPSICLE STICK GUINEA PIG



Step 1

- Glue together 3 large popsicle sticks in the shape of a triangle using Elmer's glue or glue dots.
 - Give the glue time to dry completely.
- *You may want to do this step the day before and make several to keep in your craft bag.

POPSICLE STICK GUINEA PIG



Step 2

- Once the glue has dried, lay the triangle frame out on some newspaper.
- Pinch a pompom with a clothespin to form a "paint brush".
- Paint the frame white.

POPSICLE STICK GUINEA PIG



Step 3

- Download and print the guinea pig craft template.
- Use the template to cut all of the parts out of construction paper.
- We used orange, white and brown for the parts of our pet, but you can choose whatever colors you like.

POPSICLE STICK GUINEA PIG



Step 4

- Now that the paint has dried, use your glue stick to attach the cut out white triangle to the back of the popsicle stick frame.
- Press firmly so that the glue takes hold.

POPSICLE STICK GUINEA PIG



Step 5

- Now glue the rest of the parts of your guinea pig in place, also using your glue stick.
- First add the 2 fluffy sides of your pet.
- Then add the ears, eyes, nose and feet as pictured.

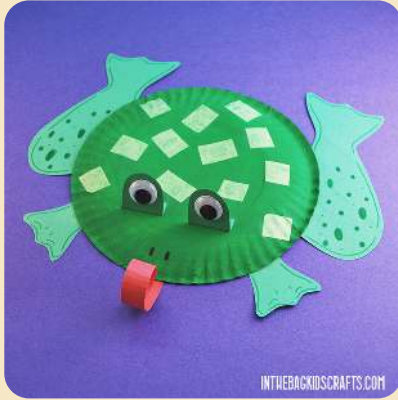
POPSICLE STICK GUINEA PIG



Step 6

- Get out your markers to add details to your guinea pig craft.
- We gave him a little smile and added in some texture and shadow using our other markers.

PAPER PLATE FROG CRAFT



Materials

- Paper plate
- Green paint
- Pom-pom
- Newspaper
- Clothespin
- Scissors
- Googly eyes
- Construction paper
- Tissue paper
- Markers
- Glue stick
- Frog craft template

PAPER PLATE FROG CRAFT



Step 1

- Place the paper plate on some newspaper, bottom side up.
- Pinch a pom-pom with a clothespin to form a "paint brush".
- Paint the bottom of the plate green.

PAPER PLATE FROG CRAFT



Step 2

- Print the frog craft template.
- Use the template to cut all of the parts for your frog from green construction paper to match the painted plate.

PAPER PLATE FROG CRAFT



Step 3

- Once the paint has dried, add some tissue paper spots to the back of your frog using your glue stick. We used a lighter color of green, but you can choose any color that you like.

PAPER PLATE FROG CRAFT



Step 4

- Again, use your glue stick to add the front and back legs that you cut out to your frog craft.

PAPER PLATE FROG CRAFT



Step 5

- Fold a small tab on the bottom of the cut out eyes.
- Add googly eyes to the cut out eye pieces.
- Then put some glue on the folded tab and attach them to the front of your frog's face.

PAPER PLATE FROG CRAFT



Step 6

- Cut a long strip of red construction paper.
- Glue it in place as the tongue.
- Use a pencil to curl it up.

PAPER PLATE FROG CRAFT



Step 7

- From orange construction paper, cut a small fish (or a couple if you want more in your fish bowl)
- Then cut a small rectangle with rounded corners from the blue As a finishing touch, get your markers out to add some details.
- Give the frog some nostrils, spots on the legs and any other details you would like.

CATERPILLAR MOBILE



Materials

- Paper plate
- Green paint
- Newspaper
- Pompom
- Clothespin
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Construction paper
- Markers
- 2 Googly eyes
- Yarn
- Hole punch
- Craft template

CATERPILLAR MOBILE



Step 1

- Lay a paper plate, bottom side up, on some newspaper.
- Squeeze a pompom with a clothespin to form a "paint brush".
- Paint the bottom of the plate green.
- Once it dries, paint the other side of the plate.

CATERPILLAR MOBILE



Step 2

- Print the caterpillar craft template.
- Use it to cut out all of the parts of your caterpillar craft from construction paper.

CATERPILLAR MOBILE



Step 3

- Once the paint has dried, cut the plate into a spiral shape. The sections should be about 2 inches wide.
- Once you get to the center, fold it up.
- Round off the end of the spiral.

CATERPILLAR MOBILE



Step 4

- Glue the antennae in place on the top of the head.
- Then glue one of the circles on the center of the spiral.
- Sandwich the center of the spiral with a second circle for the back of the caterpillar's head.

CATERPILLAR MOBILE



Step 5

- Take the small strips of green paper and glue them all around both sides of your spiral for the legs of your caterpillar.

CATERPILLAR MOBILE



Step 6

- On the front of your caterpillar's face, add some googly eyes.
- Draw on a smile with your sharpie marker.

CATERPILLAR MOBILE



Step 7

- Punch a hole in the top of the caterpillar's head.
- Cut a length of yarn about 1 foot long and lace it through the hole.
- Tie it off to form the hanger for your caterpillar mobile.

WEATHER BOOKMARKS



Materials

- Large popsicle stick
- Paper plate
- Scissors
- Elmer's glue
- Scraps of paper
- Newspaper
- Paints
- Q-tips
- Pompom
- Cotton balls
- Glue stick

WEATHER BOOKMARKS



Step 1

- Spread out some newspaper on your work surface.
- Squeeze out whatever paint colors you want to use.
- Then use pompoms and q-tips to paint a large popsicle stick for the base of your bookmark

WEATHER BOOKMARKS



Step 2

- From a paper plate, cut out 2 identical cloud shapes. Each should be about 4 inches across

WEATHER BOOKMARKS



Step 3

- Glue one of the clouds onto one side of your painted popsicle stick once the paint has dried.
- Then place the other cloud on the other side.
- Press firmly and give the glue a minute to set up.

WEATHER BOOKMARKS



Step 4

- Gently pull some cotton balls to make them fluffy.
- Cover the surface of the cloud with your glue stick and place the fluffy cotton on top.
- Do this to both sides of the cloud.

WEATHER BOOKMARKS



Step 5

- For a finishing touch (optional), cut a smile or frown and 2 round eyes from some black construction paper.
- Attach the face to your fluffy clouds using Elmer's glue.

PAPER ICE SKATES



Materials

- Construction paper
- Scissors
- 2 Large popsicle sticks
- Hole punch
- Glue stick
- Yarn
- Markers
- Skate template
- Scotch tape

PAPER ICE SKATES



Step 1

- Print the ice skate craft template.
- Use it to cut out 2 ice skates from whatever color construction paper you choose.
- Use a hole punch to add the lace holes.

PAPER ICE SKATES



Step 2

- Decorate your ice skates with markers, crayons or even scraps of paper.
- Add any details that you like and really make it your own design.

PAPER ICE SKATES



Step 3

- Fold the long tabs at the bottom of the skates around a large popsicle stick and secure it with your glue stick.
- Repeat this with the second skate

PAPER ICE SKATES



Step 4

- Lace up the skates using the white yarn.
- It's easier to put through the holes if you put some tape around the ends of the yarn first.
- Once they're laced up, make a bow at the top.

PAPER PLATE UNICORN



Materials

- Paper plate
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Construction paper
- Markers
- Tissue paper squares
- Unicorn template

PAPER PLATE UNICORN



Step 1

- Print out the unicorn craft template.
- Use it to cut the unicorn shape from a paper plate.
- Then cut the other pieces, including ears and horn from construction paper.

PAPER PLATE UNICORN



Step 2

- Glue the ears of your unicorn into place.
- Then glue the unicorn horn in place

PAPER PLATE UNICORN



Step 3

- For the mane, glue on squares of tissue paper to the back of the neck of your unicorn. Use any colors that you want.
- Snip the tissue paper so that it looks more like the hair of a mane.

PAPER PLATE UNICORN



Step 4

- Use a marker to draw on the nose and eye of your unicorn. Add any other details you would like.
- Now use cut out construction paper to create other details for your craft, like the rosy cheek and flowers that you see here.