

SPRING CRAFT FLASHCARDS

from "In the Bag Kids' Crafts"



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!

FILL YOUR BAG



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...

- Though you don't need a template to create any of the kids' crafts in this flashcard collection, many of these crafts do have templates available in the exclusive resource library at "In the Bag Kids' Crafts". Here is the link to sign up: [Get the Resource Library](#)
- 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

HOW TO USE THESE FLASHCARDS



Step-by-step

1. Choose what crafts you would like to make
2. Print the pages of cards onto heavy cardstock
3. Add the backs to your cards too (at the end of the collection)
4. Cut the cards apart on the gray lines.
5. Optional: Round off the corners of your cards.
6. Optional: Punch holes in the corner of each card and put them on a key ring. Attach them to your craft bag.

BUNNY POUCH CRAFT



Materials

- 3 Paper plates
- Scissors
- Markers
- Stapler with staples
- Pencil
- Googly eyes
- Washi tape
- Glue stick
- White yarn
- Hole punch

BUNNY POUCH CRAFT



Step 1

- Layer 2 paper plates and cut a straight line about an inch above center.
- Keep the top pieces of the plate that will not be used for the bunny pouch because they will be used for the ears later.
- Use a hole punch to place a hole on each side of the top opening. This is where the handles will go.

BUNNY POUCH CRAFT



Step 2

- Sandwich the plates so that the fronts are facing each other, forming an opening in the middle.
- Line up the flat part at the top.
- Staple all around the round edge to connect the plates together.

BUNNY POUCH CRAFT



Step 3

- Place the eyes on your paper plate bunny craft. You can choose how close or far apart to make the eyes and what size googly eyes to use. If your googly eyes are not self-adhesive, use the glue stick.
- Then take out the black Sharpie marker and give your bunny craft a nose and some eyebrows.

BUNNY POUCH CRAFT



Step 4

- On another plate, draw 2 identical ears and cut them out.
- Use a pink marker to draw in the center of each bunny craft ear.
- Finally, glue the bunny ears in place with the glue stick.

BUNNY POUCH CRAFT



Step 5 (Optional)

- Take out the third plate and cover the bottom center with washi tape (pattern and color of your choice).
- Draw a bow on the back side of the plate using your pencil.
- Cut it out and glue it onto your easy paper bunny craft.

BUNNY POUCH CRAFT



Step 6

- Cut 3 lengths of white yarn about 2 yards long.
- With the 3 pieces of yarn together, place knots along the yarn about 6 inches apart.
- Make the length of the handle to suit your child and then tie it into place on each side, lacing through the holes that you made in step 1.
- Trim it up.

PAINTED BUNNY CRAFT



Materials

- Construction paper
- White paint
- Medium pompom
- Small pink pompom
- Scissors
- Newspaper
- Glue stick
- Markers
- Googly eyes
- Paper plate

PAINTED BUNNY CRAFT



Step 1

- Choose a dark color of construction paper.
 - Use a pompom and white paint to tap paint a large circle in the center of your paper.
 - Then tap paint the bunny's ears and body.
- *You can draw this with a pencil first if you would like.

PAINTED BUNNY CRAFT



Step 2

- Choose a section of newspaper that is mostly print, not pictures or ads.
- Tear 2 circles out of the newspaper, about 2 inches across for the bunny's snout.
- Then tear 2 long strips of newspaper to be the inside of the ears.
- Finally, use the glue stick to put the newspaper pieces into place.

PAINTED BUNNY CRAFT



Step 3

- Put a dot of Elmer's glue in the center of the bunny's face and glue the little pink pompom in place for his nose.
- Give the glue a little time to dry.
- Then stick the googly eyes in place.

PAINTED BUNNY CRAFT



Step 4

- Use the black Sharpie marker to add a few details onto the bunny craft, like eye brows, whiskers and whatever else, being careful not to bump the nose while the glue is still drying.

PAINTED BUNNY CRAFT



Step 5

- For the final detail, draw and cut out a bow tie for your bunny and decorate it with the markers.
- Glue the bow tie in place.

PAPER PLATE SHEEP CRAFT



Materials

- 2 Paper plates
- Black paint
- Newspaper
- Pompom
- Construction paper
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Stapler
- Googly eyes
- Cotton balls
- Elmer's glue
- Clothespin

PAPER PLATE SHEEP CRAFT



Step 1

- Lay out some newspaper to protect your work surface and a paper plate on the newspaper, bottom side up.
- Pinch a pompom with a clothespin to form a "paint brush".
- Then paint the bottom of your paper plate black, leaving the top couple of inches unpainted.
- Set it aside and give the paint time to dry.

PAPER PLATE SHEEP CRAFT



Step 2

- While the paint is drying, print out the sheep craft template.
- Draw with a pencil and cut out the parts for your sheep, including the 2 ears and 4 legs.
- Add 1" slits to the bottom center of each ear.

PAPER PLATE SHEEP CRAFT



Step 3

- Now that the paint has dried, staple the 2 paper plates together as pictured, with the unpainted section of the first plate being connected to the second plate.

PAPER PLATE SHEEP CRAFT



Step 4

- Use your glue stick to attach the legs on the second plate. Press firmly and give the glue a minute to set up.
- Where you cut the slit in each of the ears, overlap the sides slightly and secure with your glue stick. Repeat this for each ear.
- Finally, attach the ears to the front plate toward the top using your glue stick.

PAPER PLATE SHEEP CRAFT



Step 5

- Take your Elmer's glue and swirly glue all over the second plate that is the body of your sheep.
- Pull cotton balls to make them fluffy and cover the plate, sticking them to the glue.
- Repeat this process of gluing and placing fluffy cotton all around the top of the head of your sheep craft, going around the ears and down onto the forehead of your sheep.

PAPER PLATE SHEEP CRAFT



Step 6

- Attach the googly eyes.
- Cut 2 small strips of gray or white paper and glue them in an 'x' for the nose.
- Add any other details that you would like. We added rosy cheeks.

YARN WRAPPED SHEEP CRAFT



Materials

- Paper plate
- White yarn
- Tape
- Construction paper
- Pencil
- Cotton
- Elmer's glue
- Googly eyes
- 2 Clothespins
- Washi tape
- Scissors

YARN WRAPPED SHEEP CRAFT



Step 1

- On a paper plate, draw the body of your sheep with a pencil. It should look like a 5" cloud.
- Cut it out.
- Draw a sheep's head onto black construction paper. It's just a circle with 2 ears.
- Cut it out.

YARN WRAPPED SHEEP CRAFT



Step 2

- Cut a length of white yarn about a yard long.
- Tape the end to the back of your sheep's body and wrap it all around until you get to the end.
- Tape it off and repeat until the sheep is as fluffy as you like.

YARN WRAPPED SHEEP CRAFT



Step 3

- Add fluffy cotton to the top of your sheep's head.
- Put the googly eyes in place.
- Draw on the nose.
- Glue the head into place on the body with the Elmer's glue.

YARN WRAPPED SHEEP CRAFT



Step 4

- Cover one side of each of the clothespins with a black designed washi tape (or paint it black if you prefer).
- Trim off the excess washi tape.
- Clip the legs into place on the body of the sheep.

BIRD NEST CRAFT



Materials

- Paper plate
- Blue pompoms
- Washi tape
- Scissors
- Elmer's glue

BIRD NEST CRAFT



Step 1

- Fill the center of the plate with criss-crossed washi tape to make the nest.

*If you do not have washi tape, just cut little strips of brown toned and yellow paper and glue in place with a glue stick.

BIRD NEST CRAFT



Step 2

- Trim around the outside of the washi tape nest.
- You can cut out the details, like in the example or just cut a circle around the outside.

BIRD NEST CRAFT



Step 3

- For the nest with little robin eggs, just glue 3-4 blue pompoms in the center of the nest.
- If you want to make these into little baby birds, just cut beaks from paper and glue them in place.

WEATHER BOOKMARKS



Materials

- Paints
- Newspaper
- Pompoms
- Q-tips
- Paper plate
- Large popsicle stick
- Cotton balls
- Elmer's glue
- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Googly eyes
- Pencil

WEATHER BOOKMARKS



Step 1

- Place the popsicle stick onto some newspaper.
- Paint the stick with any pattern you like, using pompoms and q-tips.
- For a rainbow, paint colorful stripes, overlapping them and blending the paint together where the colors meet.

WEATHER BOOKMARKS



Step 2

- Cut the paper plate in half.
- Draw a cloud shape on one of the halves (or use the printable template if you prefer). Then cut it out.
- Trace your cut out cloud on the other half of the plate and cut it out also.
- Now you have 2 identical clouds.

WEATHER BOOKMARKS



Step 3

- Once the paint has dried, it is time to glue the clouds in place.
- Sandwich your matching cut out clouds onto the end of the popsicle stick and use the glue stick to put them together.

WEATHER BOOKMARKS



Step 4

- Pull a cotton ball to fluff it up. Then adhere pieces of cotton onto the front of the cloud with your glue stick.
- Flip it over and add fluff to the other side also.

WEATHER BOOKMARKS



Step 5 (Optional)

- Cut a wide smile from a scrap of black construction paper.
- Glue the smile and eyes in place with Elmer's glue.
- Set it aside and give it time to dry.

LACING BUNNY CRAFT



Materials

- Paper plate
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Newspaper
- Paints
- Pompoms
- Q-tips
- White yarn
- Googly eyes
- Elmer's glue

LACING BUNNY CRAFT



Step 1

In the center of your paper plate, draw a bunny head with your pencil. This is just an oval with 2 ears.

- Cut out the bunny head shape.
- *To get it started, fold the plate slightly and cut a slit for your scissors.

LACING BUNNY CRAFT



Step 2

- Once the paint has dried, use your hole punch to punch holes all around the bunnies head, approximately 1/2 inch apart, give or take. This does not have to be exact. *Notice between the ears there are only single holes.

LACING BUNNY CRAFT



Step 3

- Place the paper plate on the newspaper.
- Then, pinch the medium pompom with your clothespin to make a "paint brush"
- Paint the bottom of the plate any colors and design you like.

LACING BUNNY CRAFT



Step 4

- Cut approximately 1 yard of white yarn and put a piece of tape around the end to make it easier to lace in and out of the holes.
- Pull the yarn through a hole and secure the end to the back with tape.
- Weave the yarn back and forth through the holes to cover the bunny shape.
- Add more yarn as needed.

LACING BUNNY CRAFT



Step 5

- Place the googly eyes onto the yarn.
- Glue on the pink pompom nose using Elmer's glue.
- Allow the glue to dry before moving the project too much.

PAINTED CHIPMUNK CRAFT



Materials

- Construction paper
- Brown paint
- Pompoms
- Clothespin
- Newspaper
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Newspaper
- Googly eyes
- Markers

PAINTED CHIPMUNK CRAFT



Step 1

- Choose a color of construction paper for the background of your chipmunk art.
- Pinch the pompom with a clothespin to form a "paint brush".
- Tap paint a large brown circle in the middle of your construction paper for the chipmunk's head. Then add the body, which is really just a triangle going down from the head to the bottom of your paper.

PAINTED CHIPMUNK CRAFT



Step 2

- Draw and cut out the parts for your chipmunk, including the nose, 2 ears, large rectangle tooth and any other details you want (eg-bowtie or rosy cheeks).

PAINTED CHIPMUNK CRAFT



Step 3

- Once the paint has dried, tear a strip of newspaper about 1", measuring the length from the top of the head to the center of circle (where the nose will go).
- The tear 2 more strips of newspaper the same length but thinner.
- Glue all three of the newspaper strips in place as pictured.

PAINTED CHIPMUNK CRAFT



Step 4

- Now that you have all of the parts of your craft cut out, use your glue stick to put them in place.
- Then add the googly eyes too.
- Finally, take your markers and add some details as you would like to your chipmunk craft.

NEWSPAPER RAIN CLOUD



Materials

- Newspaper
- Markers
- Scissors
- Stapler with staples
- Glue stick
- White yarn
- Construction paper

NEWSPAPER RAIN CLOUD



Step 1

- Layer 2 pieces of newspaper. Choose a section that is just print or use the comics.
- Draw a large cloud shape about the size of one side of the newspaper when it's opened.
- Cut out the clouds.

NEWSPAPER RAIN CLOUD



Step 2

- Staple around the edges of the newspaper with staples approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ inch apart.
- Leave the bottom unstapled so that the cloud can be stuffed.
- Cut a piece of string approximately 6 inches long and tie into a loop
- Slide the knot between the newspaper in the top middle of the cloud for the hanger and secure with a staple.

NEWSPAPER RAIN CLOUD



Step 3

- Cut about 10 pieces of white yarn, at varying lengths. The longest should be about 1yd.
- Cut raindrops, 2 at a time, from construction paper. (If you prefer, you can cut hearts instead of raindrops.)

NEWSPAPER RAIN CLOUD



Step 4

- For each pair of raindrops, glue them together using the glue stick with the yarn sandwiched in the middle (see picture)
- Alternate colors and spacing so that the raindrops are staggered when hanging.
- Repeat this process until you have raindrops up and down each piece of string.

NEWSPAPER RAIN CLOUD



Step 5

- Tear and crumple small pieces of newspaper.
- Stuff the pieces of newspaper into the cloud until it is puffy but not over-filled.

NEWSPAPER RAIN CLOUD



Step 6

- Tie a knot in the top of each piece of yarn so that it stays in place once stapled.
- Staple the pieces of yarn with raindrops across the bottom of the cloud craft.
- If there is any area still left open at the bottom of the cloud, staple it shut.

FLOWER POUCH CRAFT



Materials

- 2 Paper plates
- Scissors
- Stapler with staples
- Hole punch
- White yarn
- Newspaper
- Pompoms
- Paints
- Black Sharpie marker
- Pencil

FLOWER POUCH CRAFT



Step 1

- Cut across the center of a paper plate, with a half circle in the middle. This is the top of your daisy.
- Put another paper plate on top of the first, with the fronts facing each other.
- Use a pencil to trace the top of the flower on the second plate.
- Then cut it out also.
- Reserve the cut off part of the plate.

FLOWER POUCH CRAFT



Step 2

- Lay out some newspaper on your work surface. Then place the plates on top with the bottoms facing up.
 - Use pompoms and q-tips to paint a half yellow circle on the top of the half plates. This is the center of your daisy.
- Then paint the cut off sections of plate green, to be used as the leaves later.
- *You can opt for crayons or markers instead of paint for this step.

FLOWER POUCH CRAFT



Step 3

- Once the paint has dried, use a pencil to draw on the daisy petals.
- Trace over the pencil with black marker.

FLOWER POUCH CRAFT



Step 4

- Now that the paint has dried, cut 2 leaves out of the painted green plate pieces.

FLOWER POUCH CRAFT



Step 5

- Sandwich the leaves in place on the bottom of the flower and secure with staples.
- Staple around the rest of the paper plate to form your flower pouch, leaving the top open.

FLOWER POUCH CRAFT



Step 6

- Punch holes on each side of your flower craft pouch.
- Cut 5 lengths of white yarn, about a yard long.
- Tie the lengths together using knots at intervals. This will be the handle of your flower pouch.
- Last, lace the ends of the yarn through the holes and secure with knots. Trim away any excess yarn.









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