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Activity Idea

Paper Bag Craft Ideas

Recommended for Ages 4-8

Transform a simple paper bag into a masterpiece with some simple craft supplies and a little imagination! The following activity ideas will help get you started.

Paper Bag Puppets

Let your imagination fly! Create a paper bag puppet using paper, crayons, and markers to decorate it, and then put on a puppet show for someone. Remember, the best stories have a beginning, middle, and end.

Paper Bag Book

Fold your paper bag in half and cut out paper to fit inside it. Use a hole punch to punch holes along the center and tie with string or ribbon. Make a journal about your days. Write a story. Draw and sketch. Virtually interview your grandparents, a neighbor, or a friend. Curiosity welcomed!

Paper Bag Kite

Test your knowledge of science principles and see if you can make a paper bag kite! Decorate it as you desire and consider the following: What makes it float? How can you improve your design? Can your kite be a parachute for a toy if it were launching from a chair or a bed?

Paper bag book photo by Nicole Resseguie-Snyder: https://tinyurl.com/ycv9v3jn

Paper bag puppets photo by Julie Meloni: https://tinyurl.com/yd2l5w3k

More to Explore

Crafting Fun for Kids of All Ages – lacountylibrary.overdrive.com/media/3014993
Learn how to transform everyday household items into creative masterpieces with this eBook full of suggestions for kid-friendly crafts.

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Paper Bag Monster Puppet

Recommended for Ages 5 – 8

Create Your Own Creature

Let your creativity takeover with this creature creation. Will your monster have one eyeball or two? Add pointy horns and sharp teeth to make it scary or a tongue sticking out to make it silly. You decide!

You will need the following materials:

- Paper bag
- Large circles for eyes
- 1 large rectangle for the body
- 1 small rectangle for the head
- Triangles for teeth and horns
- Markers or crayons
- Scissors
- Glue
- 1 stripe for tongue or mouth
- Colorful stripes or dots for body

Instructions:

Start your monster creation by gluing the small rectangle over the small flap on the bag. This is the monster's head. Next, lift the head flap to glue the large rectangle and create the monster's body. Now get as creative as you like! You can use triangles as teeth or horns. Use stripes as a tongue, a mouth, hair, or for decoration. The stripes can also be cut for eyebrows or ears. Add dots for extra details, such as a nose, eyes, or on the body, if you would like. And don't forget to name your monster!

More to Explore

Quit Calling Me a Monster! by Jory John – lacountylibrary.overdrive.com/media/2606546
Bring your monster to life by acting out this silly (and scary!) eBook from OverDrive.

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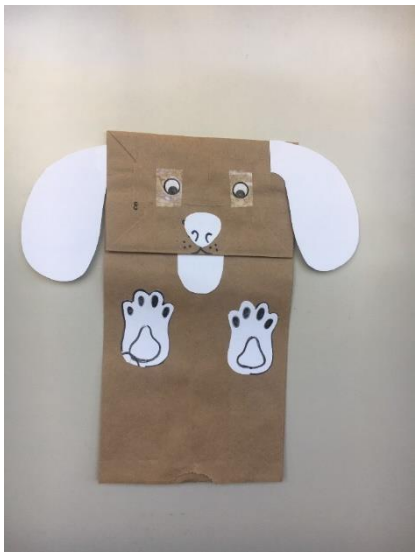
Activity Idea

Paper Bag Dog Puppet

Recommended for Ages 3+



You will need the following materials:

- Paper bag
- Cut out two circles for eyes, two ears, two paws, one nose, and one paper tongue. Parents may need to help their child.
- Scissors
- Glue or tape
- Markers or crayons

Instructions:

- Gather your materials and decide where to place them on your paper bag before gluing or taping them down.
- Glue down the eyes, ears, paws, nose, and tongue.
- Color in the eyes, paws, and nose, if desired.
- Be creative and have fun!

More to Explore

Streaming Video: Guide Dogs – lacounty.kanopy.com/video/curiosity-quest-guide-dogs
Learn what it's like to depend on a guide dog with this just-for-kids video, part of the Curiosity Quest series on Kanopy.