



Animal Hats

Visitors can design and make hats that look like different animals and then pretend to be that animal.

Topics	Process Skills	Age Range
Crafts Animal Anatomy Dramatic Play	Representing Designing Fine Motor Skills	

Supplies

- Construction Paper (Brown, Black, White, Grey & Orange)
- Animal Print Paper
- Masking Tape
- Scissors
- Glue Sticks
- Markers

Advanced Preparation

- Cut out animal ear shapes from animal print paper
- Cut brown, black, white, grey and orange construction paper 2-3 inch strips

Set Up

- Place the appropriate activity sign at the end of the table
- Place out the construction paper strips
- Place out the paper animal ears
- Supply masking tape
- Supply markers
- Supply glue sticks

Procedure

- To build your hat, grab two strips of paper and tape them together.
- Then measure it around your head and tape it to fit.
- Next, pick out some animal ears and tape them to your hat.
- Don't forget to decorate your hat.
- Now you can wear your new hat and act like an animal!
- When you are done, you may take your hat home with you.

Discussion Questions

Explore the children's knowledge on the subject through open-ended questions.

Ask:

- What kind of animal are you?
- Where does your animal live?
- What does your animal eat?
- What does your animal sound like?

Explanation

The following is a sample of some scientific explanations behind this subject.

Through dramatic play children practice and develop problem solving, cooperation, symbolic thinking, language and personal expression skills. So, pretend to be an animal and have fun. You never know where your child's imagination will take them.