

# Make your very own bear paws

Once you've read *The Cave*, why not make these paper plate paws. They're perfect for acting out the story!

This expressive arts and design activity is also a great opportunity to develop a range of fine motor skills through cutting, tearing and sticking.

## You will need:

- Two paper plates (or four if you want to make two paws!)
- Glue or sticky tape
- Brown paper, paints or colouring pens
- Black paper or card
- Scissors (child friendly)

## How to make a bear paw:

1. First, cut off a third of each paper plate so you have two semi-circles.
2. Next, cover the paper plates with lots of glue and stick torn up bits of brown paper all over. If you don't have any brown paper, you can use paint or felt tips instead.



3. To make the pads and claws, carefully cut out pieces of black paper. You'll need one big circle, four smaller circles and four claw shapes for each paw.
4. Use glue to stick the circles on one of your brown plates. Place the biggest circle in the middle, with the four smaller circles in a curved line above.
5. Next, stick each of the claws above the semi circles so that they poke over the edge of the plate.
6. Turn both the plates over so the white sides are facing you and glue along the curved edges. Make sure you don't put any glue on the straight edge at the bottom!
7. Stick the two plates together (with the white sides facing inward) by pressing the edges together. You should have an opening at the bottom, big enough to fit a hand inside.
8. If you'd like a pair of paws, repeat steps 1-7.
9. Now pop your hands inside the paws and have fun pretending to be the bear!

### Once you've finished why not:

Talk about bears and hibernation.  
Act out the story from memory.

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