

Lemur Puppets

This fun and simple craft allows students to create their very own lemur. While assembling these puppets students will learn about the different species of lemurs on Madagascar, their unique adaptations and their environments.

Materials:

- Lemur Puppet Templates
- Brown paper bags
- Felt or construction paper in the following colors: white, black, red, yellow, pink
- Felt or construction paper in assorted colors
- Scissors
- Glue
- Other craft materials, like pipe cleaners, tissue paper, etc.

Ring Tailed Lemur

- 1) Trace the face, tail and middle body onto white paper or felt and cut out
- 2) Trace the ears, eyes and nose, face "fur" and large body onto black paper or felt and cut out
- 3) Trace the eyes onto yellow paper or felt and cut out, draw or cut out and glue black pupils onto the eyes
- 4) Cut out black strips of paper, the width of the tail, for stripes
- 5) Glue eyes, nose, ears, and face "fur" onto the lemur face
- 6) Glue the smaller white body onto the black body
- 7) Glue the black stripes onto the tail
- 8) Glue the face onto the bottom flap of the paper bag
- 9) Glue the body onto the paper bag, tucking it under the bottom flap
- 10) Glue the tail between the folds of the bag on the side

Add arms and legs if desired

Red Ruffed Lemur

- 1) Trace the face, tail and middle body onto black paper or felt and cut out
- 2) Trace the ears, eyes, face "fur" and large body onto red paper or felt and cut out
- 3) Trace the eyes onto yellow paper or felt and cut out, draw or cut out and glue black pupils onto the eyes
- 4) Trace the nose onto pink paper or felt and cut out
- 5) Glue eyes, nose, and face "fur" onto the lemur face
- 6) Glue the ears behind the face so that only the "ruffed" portion sticks out
- 7) Glue the smaller black body onto the red body
- 8) Glue the face onto the bottom flap of the paper bag
- 9) Glue the body onto the paper bag, tucking it under the bottom flap
- 10) Glue the tail between the folds of the bag on the side

Add arms and legs if desired

Ideas for Puppet Shows:

Have students create a Madagascar-themed puppet theatre. Have students research a lemur habitat and create it from craft supplies. The students can then write and perform a puppet show with their lemurs where they discuss topics like habitat, adaptations and conservation.

Have students create lemur puppets and puppets of animals that can be found in their backyards. Have the students write and perform a puppet show where the native animals and lemurs meet and chat about their environments. Topics to discuss include habitats, diet and conservation.