

Three Billy Goats Gruff Masks

Who's that tripping over my bridge? Trick the troll with an easy-to-make goat mask perfect for acting out the tale of the Three Billy Goats Gruff. Not only will your child have a new prop for dramatic play, he'll also get to work on his fine motor skills. This fun craft will have your child over the bridge and out of harm's way in no time.

What You Need:

- 5 paper plates
- Cotton balls
- Black marker
- Pink marker
- Scissors
- Glue
- Elastic string
- Hole punch

What You Do:

1. Have your child use the scissors to cut off the outer rim of one of the paper plates.
2. Show him how to fold the rim in half and cut out two horns for the goat.
3. Fold the remaining center of the plate in half and cut out two almond-shaped ears.
4. Take another one of the plates and turn it over. Give the goat a face by drawing eyes, a nose, and a mouth with the black marker. You may want to provide your child with a model if he seems stumped.
5. Tease apart several cotton balls so that they resemble a wispy goat beard.
6. Ask your child to glue the cotton balls to the goat's chin.
7. Glue the goat's horns to the outer rim of the plate.
8. Using the pink marker, have your child add a little detail to the ears.
9. Ask your child to position and glue the ears to the plate.
10. Create two holes with the scissors near the goat's eyes so that your child will be able to see where he's going.
11. Use the hole punch to punch a hole on each side of the plate.
12. Measure, cut, and attach a piece of elastic cord so that the mask will stay put on your child's head.

After you're done making one mask, encourage your child to make two more so that he has one for each of the three billy goats gruff.

