

Animals on a Farm: Paper Cut-Outs!

Watch your child create her very own farm while encouraging the skill of overlapping! This art project is a great follow-up to a trip to a local farm, or even a petting zoo, where kid's can discuss animals they saw and where animal's sleep and eat on a farm. This also a super way to follow-up reading a book about farm animals.

What You Need:

- White drawing paper (11" x 17")
- Crayons or Oil Pastels
- Outlines of a variety of farm animals. These can be found on the Internet by looking up "farm animal clip art". These can be pre-cut or you can help your child cut them out.
- Glue stick



What You Do:

1. Discuss what "overlapping" means with your child. Give examples of how a chicken in front of a barn in a photograph may cover part of the barn, but people who look at the picture still know that the barn is there. Or, a cow may stand in front of a tree, blocking part of the tree, but we still know that the tree is there.
2. Have your child draw and color-in a farm on the white paper using crayons or oil pastels. Include a barn, landscape and sky. Consider drawing different types of trees, gardens and weather. This may be a good time to introduce the definition of a horizon line, which is a line that separates the sky from the grass.
3. She can now color in all of the animals that you helped print out.
4. Using scissors, help her cut the colored animals out of the paper.
5. She can now glue all of her farm animals onto her farm landscape! Remind her about the idea of overlapping.

Now you have the perfect farm to frame and brighten any room!