

Polar Bear Craft

Polar bears love chilly weather! Winter is a great time for your child to create his very own textured polar bear. Not only will your child gain practice identifying shapes, he'll put his fine motor skills to work drawing and cutting them out. After the project is complete he'll have an adorable companion to give him warm fuzzies throughout the season.

What You Need:

Paper plate
Cotton balls
Black and white construction paper
Scissors
Pencil
Glue stick



What You Do:

Ask your child to name the shape of a paper plate. Place the plate in front of him.
Encourage him to name the shape of the end of a cotton ball. Explain the difference between a circle and an oval. Have him cover the entire paper plate in cotton balls, gluing them directly to the plate.
Have him draw and cut out two black circles for his bear's eyes, and two large white circles for the bear's ears.
Help him glue the circles in place.
Ask him if he can draw an oval on the black paper to create the polar bear's nose. Cut it out and glue it in place.
Ask if he can count the number of circles he drew and cut out. What about the number of ovals?