



Muckeen the Pig

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Make your own Muckeen

You will need:

1. A large paper plate (body) and smaller paper plate (head)
2. Pink crepe paper (ears, nose and tail); red and white paints
3. Four cardboard rectangles about 6 cm by 3 cm
4. A big paintbrush, a black marker and some white glue

Method:

Mix a lot of white paint with just a little red to make a pale pink or flesh colour. Paint the plates and the card rectangles with this mixture. While these dry, make the ears and tail.

Ears: look at the small plate – what size ears would look right if this is the head? Cut out two triangles of crepe paper and leave to one side.

Tail: look at the large plate to work out what length his tail should be. Cut a strip of crepe paper as wide as half your thumb and curl it tightly around your finger for a pig's tail.

Body: When the paint on his body and head is dry, put all the pieces together.

Put a small blob of glue on the edge of each plate. Hold the plates together in a number 8 shape with the blobs of glue on top of each other. This is Muckeen's body! Glue the pink crepe paper triangles to the top of his head and add the tail by gluing the curly paper to the opposite end of the big plate. Glue the four cardboard rectangles onto the big plate to give him legs. Use the black marker to give him a piggy snout and eyes.



Learn facts about pigs and why they are important to us from www.historyforkids.org/learn/economy/pigs.htm. Write out any five of the most interesting and then teach these facts to your class.



Charlotte's Web by E.B. White is a story about a pig named Wilbur and a spider called Charlotte who saves Wilbur's life. Can you find a copy and read a chapter or two? Or look at the cover and say if you like it and what you think will happen to Wilbur in the end.

