

Paper Plate Pumpkin Craft

To make the paper plate pumpkin craft, you will need:

- Black construction paper
- White chalk or white crayon
- Green construction paper
- White paper plates
- Orange paint or white paint with red and yellow food coloring
- Paper bowl
- Paint brushes
- Scissors
- Glue or glue stick



Directions:

- Draw different shapes for the eyes, nose, and mouth on the black construction using the white chalk or white crayon
- Trace the child's hand on the green construction paper for the leaf
- Place orange paint in a paper bowl. If you don't have orange paint, use white paint as the base, and then mix about 12 drops of red and 20 drops of yellow food coloring into the white paint. Continue to add and mix to get the desired orange color.
- Protect the children's clothing with an art smock or old T-shirt. Then, using the paint brush, scoop a small amount of paint onto the plate and let the child paint the entire front surface of the paint.



- Place plate near open window to dry. While paint is drying, let the child choose the eyes, nose, and mouth for his pumpkin and cut those out. Then, cut out the handprint leaf.
- Once paint is dry, the child can glue the pieces of the face and the leaf on the plate.



An alternative version of this craft that can be used with younger ones is to skip the painting process and just use orange colored paper plates. They can be found at party supply stores. Young children can select from pre-cut shapes to create the kind of pumpkin face they would like.