

Paper Plate Makes

Four simple but great ideas using paper plates to help your kids discover and learn.

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Clock

STORE CUPBOARD

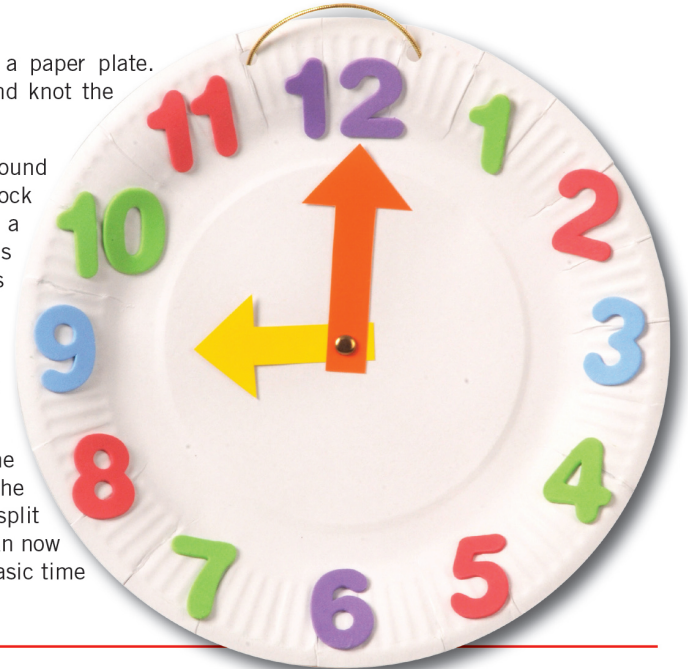
- Paper plate
- Number stickers
- Coloured card
- Metal split pin
- Hole punch
- Cord
- Scissors
- Pencil

1 Punch two holes at the top of a paper plate. Thread through a length of cord and knot the ends to create a hanging loop.

2 Place number stickers (1-12) around the paper plate to create the clock face. Use a sharp pencil to make a hole in the centre of the clock – this will be used for adding the hands later.

3 Take some coloured card and scissors. Cut out a big hand and a little hand for your clock.

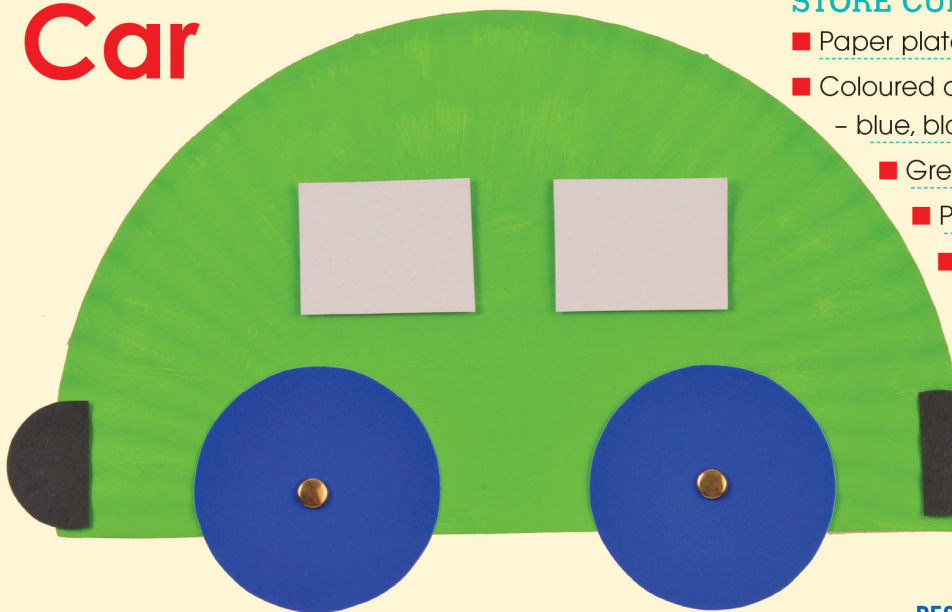
4 Carefully punch a hole at the bottom of each hand. Attach the hands to the clock face using the split pin. They should move freely. You can now use your finished clock to explain basic time telling to children.



Car

STORE CUPBOARD

- Paper plate
- Coloured card
 - blue, black and white
- Green paint
- Paintbrush
- 2 metal split pins
- Sticky fixer mount pads
- Scissors
- Glue
- Hole punch
- Pencil
- Newspaper



1 Begin by covering your work surface with newspaper to protect from paint spills. Wear a smock or apron.

2 Take a paper plate and cut it in half to make the body of the car. Paint one half green. Discard the other half as it is not needed. Set aside the painted car to dry.

3 Cut out two rectangles of white card for the car windows. Attach them to the car with sticky fixer pads.

4 Cut out a small circle of black card. Now, cut the circle in half to make two semi-circles. Stick the semi-circles onto the car with sticky fixer pads to create front and rear lights.

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5 Next, cut out two circles of blue card for the car wheels. Punch a hole through the centre of each wheel. Position the wheels on the car and mark the central holes with a pencil. Use a hole punch to cut out the holes you have just marked on the car body. To finish, use split pins to attach the wheels to the car. Test out the moving wheels by giving them a turn!