

Make a Paper Plate Snake

Let's make a snake – a tremendous outside activity too!

Snakes are fun to imitate! We can slither like a snake to get in some good heavy work/big muscle into our day; we can make fun snake ssssss sounds and stick out our tongues! But the best is making a snake to play with – coloring, creating, playing, and supporting so many developmental areas with one FUN activity that can be done inside or out!

Remember – an adult should supervise painting activities.



Materials Needed:

- **Paper plates** – the cheaper kind that is easier to cut.
- **Paints, markers, or crayons** – This would be fun with finger paints (homemade finger paint recipe at the bottom of this page).
- **Glue** – Glitter glue for accents and regular glue for the googly eyes.
- **Googly eyes** – they sell sticker googly eyes if you feel those would be safer to use.
- **Paint brushes, trays/foil to protect the table, scissors for the adults to cut the plate**

How to: The easiest way to do this activity is to cover a table; outside would be a fun experience. Bring out a few paper plates, paints, crayons, markers, chalk – anything that can add color to the plates.

Once the plate is dry, you can cut the plate into a spiral to create the snake shape. Add googly eyes (stickers or plastic googly eyes) and any embellishments you'd like—glitter, pom poms, stickers, etc.

These snakes can be hung from a ceiling or door jam to let them hang and be enjoyed by all of you.

Developmentally this activity encourages language development by giving you opportunities to use descriptive language, action words, and silly sounds. Eye-hand coordination with painting, coloring, adding details are skills that can be learned through this activity—giving your child an opportunity to continue to remember the activity if you hang up the final product in a place the child will see. Having your child see their work also support self-confidence as it is displayed for all to see and enjoy. Your child can point to the snake, make gestures, and will remember the funny and silly things you did while creating this snake together.

Remember – *when we model and they imitate, this is the beginning of understanding essential communication. When we imitate them, we are telling them that their ideas and choices are powerful, which can encourage them to want to do more.*

The link below has examples of how to set up for this activity

[Easy and Colorful Paper Plate Snakes | Pink Stripey Socks](#)