



Halloween Paper Plate Puppet Theater

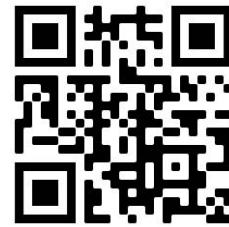
How Can I Use This In My Lesson Plan?

This activity presents itself as a great opportunity to teach children about the sights, sounds, colors, and fun activities associated with Halloween! Going even further, you can teach them about the concept of a play or theatrical production by using this activity as an example. This is also a wonderful opportunity to encourage students to imagine and create their own stories. Encourage them to act these out in your dramatic play area or share them with their families and friends at home all times of the year!

Required Materials

- Paper Plates
- Blue, Purple/Violet, and Black Acrylic Paint
- Paintbrush
- Silver Glitter
- Gold Glitter
- Various Colors of Construction Paper
- Black Marker
- Scissors
- Jumbo Wood Craft Sticks
- Glue

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1. Assemble Your Stage

First, lay out your paper plate. Then squirt a little bit of your blue, purple/violet, and black paint onto the plate and spread it around with your paintbrush until you have a beautiful Halloween night sky! Then, while the paint is still wet, take your silver glitter and pour some onto one half of your plate. Then, pour your gold glitter (or tiny gold stars) onto the other end of the plate.

2. Cast Your Actors

While you're waiting for your beautiful paper plate stage to dry, it's time to create your "frightening" actors! Take your construction paper and create any Halloween characters that you'd like. We recommend creating an orange jack-o-lantern, a purple bat, and a ghost. Once you've cast your actors, cut them out and glue them to the end of your jumbo popsicle sticks.

3. Time for the Show!

Its call time for the actors! Take your paper plate stage and fold it in half. Cut a slit towards the bottom of the plate in order for you to stick the popsicle sticks through the plate. Now you can put on a scary good show with your Halloween paper plate puppet pals.

