

## Paper Plate Chick

Virginia values our chicks. Chicken, turkey, and egg production make up a significant portion of Virginia agriculture. While you will find poultry houses across the state most are located in the Shenandoah Valley. It takes about 6 weeks for a chicken to grow to maturity and 24 weeks for a turkey. Poultry houses can hold up to 25,000 birds.

### You will need:

2 white paper plates  
Stapler  
Crayons  
Scissors  
Chicken feet template

### How to:

1. Discuss with children what chickens look like and where they are grown in Virginia. Discuss that we can grow chickens for eggs or for consumption.
2. Pick up a whole plate and place it upside-down in the middle of their desk. This is the chicken's body.
3. Cut the second plate in half.
4. Put one half of the plate at the bottom of the body for form a head. The cut side should be at the bottom.
5. Take the remaining half plate and cut it in half again creating two wings.
6. Lay the wings on either side of the body.
7. Attach head and wings to the body using a stapler.
8. Color the feet and legs orange and cut out.
9. Take a remaining piece of paper, color orange and cut a triangle to attach as a beak.
10. Draw eyes on the head.



### Suggested Books:

*Chicks and Chickens* by Gail Gibbons



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