

Paper Plate Pig

Pigs are very interesting animals. They are actually very smart. A female pig, called a sow, has 7 to 12 piglets in a litter and each piglet will double its weight in one week. Did you ever wonder why pigs lay in the mud? Pigs do not sweat and regularly go for a swim in water or even mud to stay cool.

You will need:

1 extra large pink (or white) dinner size paper plate
 1 dessert size pink (or white) paper plate
 Pink and black construction paper
 Markers
 Stapler
 1 cotton ball
 Pink ribbon
 Your favorite animal book

How to:

1. Read a book about farm animals to a group of children.
2. If using white plates, color the backside of the small plate and the front side of the large plate pink. The small plate will be the pig's head and the large plate, its body.
3. Have the children staple the pig's head to the lower middle of the extra large plate.
4. Cut out two triangles for ears; glue them to the pig's head.
5. Cut out two squares for feet; staple them to the bottom of the pig's body.
6. Cut out eyes and a mouth from black construction paper and glue to the pig's head or have the children draw eyes and a mouth.
7. Using a pink marker, color the top of a cotton ball and glue to pig's head for a snout. Optional: Using a black marker, color two dots on the snout for a more finished look.
8. Using a pink ribbon for a tail, curl it by sliding it along a scissor blade. Then the tail should be stapled to the back of the pig's body.

Suggested Books:

Down on the Farm Pigs by Hannah Ray
Animals on the Farm by Raintree Publishing
My Trip to the Farm by Mercer Mayer



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