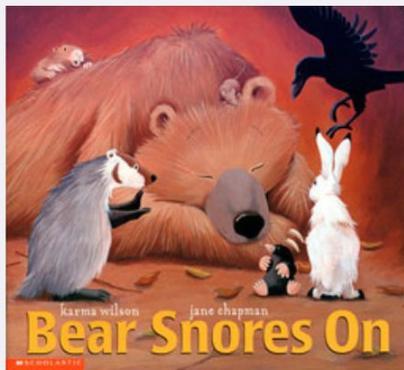


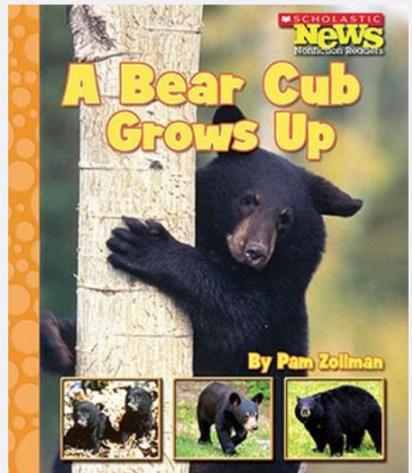
# VIRTUAL TODDLER TIME CRAFT: HOW TO MAKE A FUZZY PAPER PLATE BEAR



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Hi, everybody, and welcome to Toddler Time! I'm Katy Tipton, a Librarian at Eagle Public Library.

This week's Bookflix duo is *Bear Snores On* by Karma Wilson, and *A Bear Cub Grows Up* by Pam Zollman. They may be accessed through the Eagle Public Library's E-Book page. Just scroll down until you find Bookflix and click on the link to take you to the Bookflix website. Have your library card ready, enter your card number, and you're off!

**Normally when we do a story time here at the Library, we have one or two crafts that compliment the story being read. This week, we will be making a fuzzy bear out of paper plates! Don't worry if you don't have exactly the same items that we use to make our crafts. Improvise all you want (we'll let you know what's important to have for the craft to work), and send us pictures! We love seeing how creative you can get.**



## To make our fuzzy bear, you will need:

- A large paper plate (8.5 to 10 inches)
- A small paper bowl (7 to 8 oz.)
- Construction paper or cardstock (The color of the inside of your bear's ear)
- Paper towels
- Scissors
- White glue
- Googly eyes
- Yarn or pipe cleaners
- Large pompom, craft foam, felt, or paper for the bear's nose
- Tempera or poster paint
- Paint brush





## Step One

Paint the bowl the color of your bear's snout.

Real brown and black bears have brown and black snouts, but I wanted to make my bear more teddy bear-ish, so I made his snout the same color as the inside of his ears.

## Step Two

Cut out a pair of round ears from cardstock or construction paper. Choose a color that corresponds to the inside of the bear's ears. Since I gave my bear a pink snout, I made the inside of his ears pink as well.





### Step Three

Glue the ears on the top edge of the paper plate on the side you would eat off of. Then, flip the paper plate over so that the plate's bottom side is facing up and the ears are glued at the back.

## Step Four

Glue the paper bowl close to the plate's bottom edge to create the bear's snout.



## Step Five



Now, we're going to cover the entire face with fuzz. You'll want to use paper towels instead of cotton. It absorbs paint better than cotton, thereby making it easy to create colored "fur".

First, tear paper towels into fairly large pieces, then glue them onto the entire paper plate except on the snout. Next, take smaller pieces and scrunch them up. Glue them around the edges of the ears.

## Step Six

Now comes the fun part - painting the bear! Paint the paper towel pieces with watered down brown or black tempera or poster paint.

After you have painted the entire head, let the paint dry. The bear will have an interesting textured fur.



## Step Seven

Once your bear has dried, you can create a face using any of these materials:

Eyes - wiggle eyes or circles cut out of paper, felt or foam

Nose - large pompom or an oval cut out of paper, felt or foam

Mouth - short length of yarn or pipe cleaner, or a crescent shape cut out of paper, felt or foam.

Let him dry, then it's time to play!



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