



Lovable Lion

Youngsters will roar with delight over these lovable little fellows.

Materials (per child)

- brown construction paper lion head, body, and tail tip patterns (pages 24–25)
- light brown construction paper lion cheeks pattern (page 25)
- brown construction paper tail
- 1 brown paper lunch bag
- 1 round coffee filter
- 2 large wiggle eyes
- 1 black pom-pom (nose)
- 3–6 flat-tipped toothpicks (whiskers)
- waxed paper
- brown water-thinned glue paint (see Teacher Tips)
- scissors
- marker
- glue
- newspaper
- paintbrush
- stapler



Directions

1. Place the coffee filter on waxed paper; then paint it with brown glue paint. When the glue is dry, fringe-cut the edges to create a mane.
2. Cut out all the lion patterns.
3. Glue the cheeks, wiggle eyes, whiskers, and nose on the head; then glue the head on the mane.
4. Glue the body to the head.
5. Use a marker to draw a mouth and details on the face.
6. Fringe-cut the wide end of the tail tip. Glue it to one end of the tail.
7. Gently stuff the bag with crumpled newspaper; then staple the top together.
8. Glue the lion to the front of the bag and the tail to the back.

Teacher Tips

- To make glue paint, mix brown paint with glue. Thin the mixture with water so that it spreads easily on the coffee filter.
- Encourage children to break the toothpicks to size their lions' whiskers.
- To curl the mane and tail, wrap the fringed ends around a pencil; then release them.

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