

Miss Meow Pretend Play Cat Mask Craft:

My new picture book, *Miss Meow*, is a celebration of imagination, pretend play and cats! In the story, Miss Meow loves to dress-up as her favorite animal—a cat, of course! She wears cat ears, whiskers and a tail. And then she brings her costume to life by prowling around the domain of her house, chasing her toy mouse, lapping water from a bowl and purring when she curls up with her mom for story time.

Would you and your little one like to play dress-up, too? Let's make a *Miss Meow* cat mask together! It's the purr-fect bit of fun!

Supplies you'll need:

- 1 plain round paper plate
- scissors
- black paint, paint brush & paint tray
- black & pink construction paper
- black marker
- glue stick
- 2 black pipe cleaners
- 1 popsicle stick

Step 1:

Fold the paper plate in half and cut a circle out of the middle. ***This is where your face will peek through!***

Step 2:

Unfold the paper plate flat. Paint one whole side all black and let dry completely. ***This will be your black fur!***

Step 3:

Cut two triangles out of the black construction paper. Cut two small triangles out of the pink construction paper and draw a black triangle inside each one. Then glue each pink triangle inside the middle of each black triangle. Now glue each black and pink triangle to the top of the painted paper plate. ***These will be your ears!***

Step 4:

Cut the two pipe cleaners into thirds, so you have six smaller pipe cleaners. Glue three of the smaller pipe cleaners on the left side of the painted paper plate. Now glue the other three smaller pipe cleaners on the right side of the painted paper plate. ***These will be your whiskers!***

Step 5:

Lastly, glue a popsicle to the back of the painted paper plate along one side and let dry completely. ***This will be the handle of your Miss Meow mask!***

Step 6:

Hold your mask up to your face and purr, hiss, growl. ***Now you are a cat, just like Miss Meow!***

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