

Koala and joey craft for children

To make our koala and baby joey, we used:

- 2 large paper plates
- 2 smaller-sized paper plates
- black and white paint
- kitchen sponge & paint brush
- scissors
- stapler
- black marker (optional)

1. We put black and white paint onto a kitchen sponge and dabbed onto the paper plates to achieve a black/white/grey dappled look and set aside to dry.



2. One of the large paper plates acts as the main part of the body. We cut the second large paper plate in half, setting aside one of the halves, and used the other half as the pouch. We cut an additional section from the middle of the rim, to be the pouch opening area. We then placed the pouch on top of the body, and stapled along the edges and across the middle, leaving the pouch opening area open.

3. Next we added the head, by stapling the rim of one of the smaller paper plates to the top of the body.

4. We used the other half of the large paper plate for the ears, which were each about a quarter paper plate sized each. The ripples in the rim give the ears a fluffy look. We rounded the corners and stapled the ears to each side of the head.



5. Next we cut the eyes out and painted on a large black nose.

6. We used the fourth paper plate to add the finishing touches. We cut out the tiny koala (using the ripples in the rim as added detail for the ears), and then painted on the nose and dotted on the eyes with black marker.

7. We also cut four small wedges for hands and feet, and then cut along the rim to represent the five digits and claws. We cut the hand claws (cutting out tiny wedges). We used a fringing technique to cut the feet claws.

8. Once everything was dry, we had a new koala and joey toy for imaginative play!

