

Wild Animal Masks

A BAREFOOT ACTIVITY FOR ALL AGES

The Animal Boogie dance party isn't complete without costumes. Let children create a mask based on a character from *The Animal Boogie*, or let them create a unique creature of their very own. Imagination and creativity are encouraged!

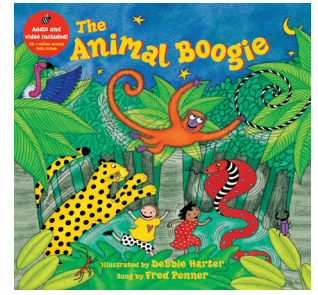
WHAT TO FIND

- *The Animal Boogie* book
- Paper plates
- Collage materials (geometric shapes cut from coloured/patterned paper or fabric, feathers, tissue paper, etc.)
- Glue sticks
- Hole punch
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Yarn, wool, string or elastic

WHAT TO DO

Prepare the Masks (Grown-up or Big Kid job)

1. Using the pencil, draw a cutting guide on one paper plate, like this.
2. Cut along the line.
3. Hold mask to child's face, with the indent above the child's nose, and mark where eye holes should go.
4. Cut out eye holes.
5. If making multiple masks, use this first mask as a template. Trace along the cut lines on the other plates, then cut them out.
6. Use hole punch to punch holes on either side of each mask.
7. Feed a piece of yarn/wool/string/elastic through each hole and tie a knot to secure.



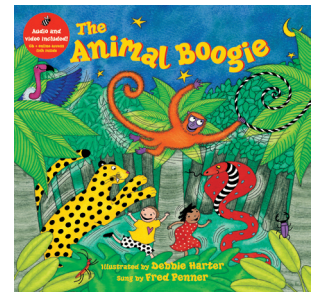
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Decorate the Masks

1. Prepare the collage materials, if needed. Place them in open containers that children can easily access while working.
2. Place *The Animal Boogie* book in children's workspace, propped open to the last page that features all the animals. Ask each child which animal mask they would like to make.



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3. Use glue stick to decorate mask with collage materials.
Tip: Allow older children to cut additional shapes from coloured/patterned paper to make unique animal features.
4. Tie masks onto the children's faces.
5. Sing and dance together to *The Animal Boogie* while wearing masks!
6. After doing the Animal Boogie, ask children to pretend they are the wild animals on their masks.
How does that animal walk?
How does it search for food?
How does it sleep? Act it out!

