



BUTTON ANIMAL FACES

For a MAGNET, PIN, JEWELRY, or DECORATION on a package or book

WHAT ANIMAL FACES CAN YOU CREATE FROM BUTTONS?

Once you gather and assemble your animal faces, you can use markers to make eyes and faces, or glue on googly eyes. Then, choose how you want to enjoy your button animal.

- 1) Glue a magnet on the back.
- 2) Put a pin back or earring post on the back to wear on clothing or pin to a curtain or pillow.
- 3) Glue a yarn or cord to the back to hang

Have fun!

SUPPLIES

Buttons

Markers or acrylic paints

Googly eyes (optional)

Magnets, pin backs, or cord for hanging

Colored paper or felt – you could even use markers or crayons to turn white paper into any color before you cut out the ears!

BUNNY

3 White buttons—large, medium, small (small can be pink)

White or Pink felt, cut for two LONG ears

Pink felt bit, for a nose

White string for whiskers

BEAR

Depending on the color of buttons, you can make a BROWN, BLACK or PANDA BEAR

3 buttons—large, medium, small

2 buttons for ROUND ears

DOG

3 buttons—large, medium, small

Felt or paper for two POINTED or two FLOPPY ears

PIG

2 pink buttons—large and small

2 pink heart buttons OR cut HEART ears from felt or paper

CAT

3 buttons—large, medium, small

Felt, cut for two POINTED ears

White string for whiskers

TIGER

Like a cat, but use orange buttons.

Draw on black stripes.

LION

Like a cat, but use ivory or golden buttons,

Then make a string, yarn or felt mane!

LADYBUG

Red button

Black button, smaller

ELEPHANT

2 Gray buttons, large and medium

6 small gray buttons for the trunk

Gray felt cut for two ears

ZEBRA

White buttons and add black stripes



MAKING YOUR ANIMAL FACES

- 1) Wash your buttons. Some came from very old button boxes.
- 2) If your buttons have designs on the surface, you may want to use the smooth back of the button facing upwards.
- 3) Sit your buttons in place to see if you like them. If not, select other buttons until you like the combination.
- 4) Glue your nose buttons onto the face button.
- 5) Cut out your ears and glue them on. You can draw the ear shapes lightly with pencil before cutting. And you can use markers, too, if you wish.
- 6) Use markers if you want for eyes and facial features, or glue on eyes.
- 7) Now select a magnet, pin or cord for hanging, and attach with glue. Yay, you are done.
- 8) Extra steps for some of the animal faces are written below.



BUNNY and CAT

For whiskers, glue strings between the two nose buttons. Once the glue is dry, you can trim off the strings until you have the whiskers a length you like.



BEAR

The bear has two round buttons for ears. I did not like the first nose button I chose, so I replaced it with a small black button.



ELEPHANT

To support the trunk, I cut out a trunk shape of scrap cardboard, then glued the trunk pieces to it before putting them onto the face button.

I made a stack of buttons for the trunk and a stack of felt circles. I liked the felt better.



DOG

You can cut his ears out with round or pointed tips, and make them flop over or stand up straight.



PIG

The most noticeable feature of a pig is his nose. Try to use a two-hole button for the nose.



OTHER ANIMALS

You can use markers or paints to turn your buttons into tigers, zebras, leopards, and giraffes. Here are other animals you can try. Have fun!

