

Paint a Penguin Habitat

YOU WILL NEED

Construction paper
Crayons or markers
Glue or glue sticks
Salt
Scissors
Watercolor paint and a cup of water
World map
A variety of other creativity tools you can find around your home

STEPS

1. Research and discuss the different species of penguins; their coloring, size, special markings, and the location and characteristics of the habitats where they live. Does your child have a favorite penguin species?

2. Draw and/or paint your child's favorite penguin's land and ocean habitat onto a piece of construction paper.

Creativity Tip: If your child is using watercolor paints, sprinkle salt on the wet surface of the page to help absorb the moisture and make interesting designs and patterns. Don't forget to rinse the paintbrush in water before switching colors.

3. Make a construction paper likeness of your child's favorite penguin by carefully cutting out a large, black U-shaped body, a smaller, white U-shaped body, 2 black, D-shaped wings, two oval or circular eyes, an orange, triangular beak and two orange feet. Coloration and special markings may vary depending on the favorite penguin choice. Center and glue the smaller, white U-shaped body on top of the larger U-shaped body. Glue the D-shaped wings, one on each side of the body. Glue the two eyes and beak to make the penguin's face then add its feet.

Creativity Tip: When using liquid glue, place a dollop of the glue on a piece of scrap paper to help cut down on waste and long drying time.

4. Embellish your child's favorite penguin using a variety of interesting creativity materials found around your home such as felt scraps or wrapping paper to help distinguish its unique species or add fun clothing accessories including bow ties, hats or scarves.

Creativity Tip: While real penguins are mostly black, white and orange in color, spark your child's imagination; invent a pretend penguin species or two.

5. Place and glue the construction paper penguin into the habitat drawing or painting.

Creativity Tip: The mixed media painting is a one-of-a-kind treasure. Remember to sign your names and the completion date in a prominent place.

ADDITIONAL HOME EXTENSIONS

- Add more penguins to the habitat on land or in the ocean.
- Turn a construction paper penguin into a simple penguin puppet by taping it to a short stick or add finger holes at the feet using a hole punch. Make other unique penguin puppets using a variety of materials including a paper bag or an old sock.
- Make a waddle of uniquely dressed up penguins or penguin puppets to attend the Penguins At Play Party. Don't forget to include zany bow ties!

