

## Lion Hand-y Craft

Make a fun lion decoration!

Learn more about lions at <http://animals.nationalgeographic.com>

### Materials Needed:

- 3-5 sheets yellow and/or orange construction paper
- 1 pair of 1-inch googly eyes
- 1 paper plate (6-7 inch plate for younger children and 8-9 inch plate for older children)
- Black crayon or marker
- Scissors
- Glue Stick
- Pencil
- Yarn (optional)



### Time to create your lion!

- Step 1** Trace your hands onto the paper. You will need 4-5 sets for a total of 8-10 hands. Cut out the hands.
- Step 2** Use the pencil to roll each finger tips towards the palm of the hand to curl them. Repeat for all hands.
- Step 3** Glue the eyes on to the bottom of the paper plate. (To make a mask, cut out eye holes instead.)
- Step 4** Draw a triangle for the nose with the tip pointing down.
- Step 5** Starting at the tip of the nose, draw a backward 'J' followed by a forward 'J' to create the mouth.
- Step 6** Draw three lines between the eyes and the mouth on both sides of the mouth for whiskers.
- Step 7** Turn the plate over so the lion is facing down and put glue all around the outer edge of the plate.
- Step 8** Glue the palm of a hand and press it onto the paper plate so the tops of the curled fingers hang over the edge of the plate (see image on bottom right).
- Step 9** Repeat Step 8 until hands go around the entire plate to create a mane.
- Step 10** If you are making a mask (see Step 3), staple a 6-inch piece of yarn to both the right and the left side of the lion's face. Put the mask on your child and tie the pieces of yarn together. *Caution! Yarn can be a choking or strangulation hazard to young children. Only use yarn with older children.*

