

PICTURE CLOCK

This clock can be used to introduce the basic idea of time passing, help little ones think about the sequence of events in a day, as well as possibly introduce a few numerals. It could also be used as a fun prop when singing nursery rhymes such as 'Hickory Dickory Dock' etc.

You will need:

- cardboard
- a piece of white paper
- 2 x paper plates
- black/yellow paint or crayons or colouring pencils/felt-tips
- 2 x split-pins
- a pencil
- scissors
- paint brushes
- clock symbols template (from the West Cheshire Museums website)



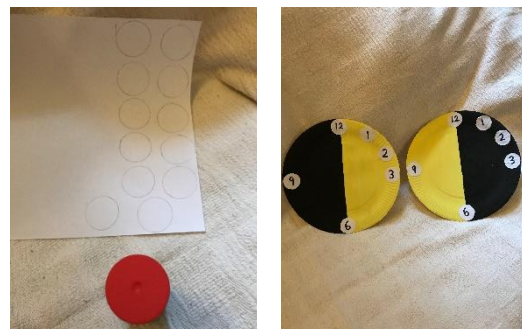
How to make your picture clock:

1. Draw a line down the centre of your paper plates with a pencil - paint one half of each plate black (for night) and one half of each plate yellow (for day). You can choose different colours if you wish, and if you do not have paint then use pencils/crayons or felt-tips.



2. When the paint is dry, turn the clock faces around so that one of them has its black half (night-time) on the left and its yellow half (daytime) on the right, and the other clock face has the yellow half on the left and the black half on the right.

3. Stick some numbers onto each clock face (you could just do 12, 1, 2, 3, 6 and 9 to keep things simple). To make the numbers stand out, cut out little circles of white paper (by drawing round the lid of a glue stick) and write the numbers onto these. You now have two clock faces, one starting at 12 midday and one starting at 12 midnight.



4. Print off the clock symbols template and choose which pictures to colour and cut out to represent important times of your day, e.g. bath time, breakfast time, time at the park etc. You could also draw your own symbols.
5. Stick the symbols onto your clock faces at the roughly appropriate time. Once you've done this, if you wish you could stick the two clock faces together back-to-back so you can tell the time for the whole day.
6. Finally, draw around the clock hands templates onto cardboard and cut out two long and two short hands. Place one on top of the other and use a pencil to punch a hole through them both. Make a hole with a pencil in the centre of the clock face then push a split-pin through the holes in both hands and the clock face, securing them all together.

