

Black Bear

- American black bears are found in Canada, Mexico and North America.
- They mostly eat grasses, herbs and fruit, but will sometimes eat other things, including fish.



- The black bear's coat has lots of layers of shaggy fur, which keeps it warm in cold winter months.
- They may be called black bears, but their coat can be blue-gray or blue-black, brown and even sometimes white!
- Their short claws make black bears expert tree climbers.
- They may be large, but black bears can run up to 40kmph!
- These big bears have a very good sense of smell and can often be seen standing on their hind legs, sniffing scents!
- They usually live in forests but black bears are also found in mountains and swamps.
- Black bears spend winter dormant in their dens, feeding on body fat they have built up over the summer and autumn.
- They make their dens in caves, burrows or other sheltered spots. Sometimes they even make them in tree holes high above the ground!





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Be BearWise OUTDOORS

Six Outdoor BearWise Basics



Stay Alert & Stay Together

Pay attention to your surroundings and stay together. Walk, hike, jog, or cycle with others when possible. Keep kids within sight and close by. Leave earbuds at home and make noise periodically so bears can avoid you.



Leave No Trash or Food Scraps

Double bag your food when hiking and pack out all food and trash. Leaving scraps, wrappers, or even "harmless" items like apple cores teaches bears to associate trails and campsites with food. Don't burn food scraps or trash in your fire ring or grill.



Keep Dogs Leashed

Letting dogs chase or bark at bears is asking for trouble; don't force a bear to defend itself. Keep your dogs leashed at all times or leave them at home.



Camp Safely

Set up camp away from dense cover and natural food sources. Cook at least 100 yards from your tent. **Do not store food, trash, clothes worn when cooking, or toiletries in your tent.** Store in approved bear-resistant containers OR out of sight in a locked vehicle OR suspended at least 10 feet above the ground and 10 feet from any part of the tree.



Know What To Do If You See a Bear

Black bears are seldom aggressive and attacks are rare. If you see a bear before it notices you: stand still, don't approach and enjoy the moment; then move away quietly in the opposite direction. If you encounter a bear that's aware of you: don't run; running may trigger a chase response. Back away slowly. Visit [BearWise.org](https://www.bearwise.org) to learn what to do if a black bear approaches, charges or follows you.



Carry Bear Spray & Know How To Use It

Bear spray is proven to be the easiest and most effective way to deter a bear that threatens you. It doesn't work like bug repellent, so **never** spray your tent, campsite or belongings.

Learn More:
[BearWise.org](https://www.bearwise.org)





Week 2 Video Story Time

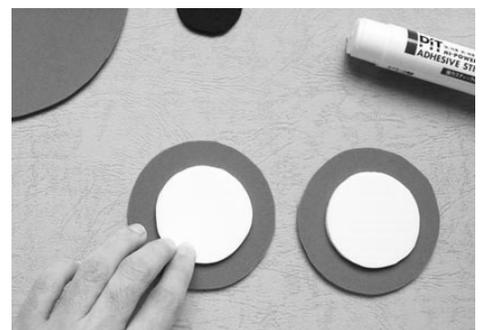
Craft Supplies

- Template Sheet
- 1 & 1/4 Sheets of black construction paper
- 1 full sheet white or brown construction paper
- 3 1/4 sheets of red, orange, & yellow construction paper
- 1 small size black pom pom
- 1 medium size black pom pom
- 2 googly eyes
- Scissors
- Crayons, colored pencils or markers
- glue

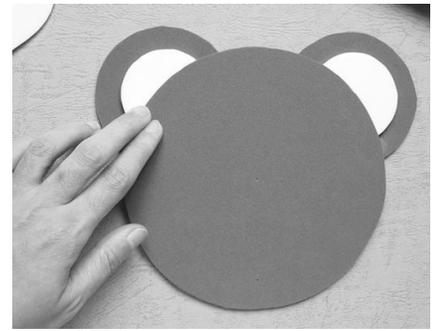
Instructions

Black Bear

- Cut out the template pieces and the white face/ear accents. Set aside the face/ear accents
- Fold the large black piece of construction paper in half (hamburger style)
- Trace the large body template on the paper you just folded, make sure the top of the body touches the fold.
- Trace the 3 template circles on the 1/4 sheet
- Cut out pieces from the black construction paper
- Glue the inner ears on top of the ears, they will be the smallest sets of circles in the white paper and black paper.



- Glue the pair of ears behind the biggest circle.
- Glue the medium-sized white circle at the bottom of the face to create the bear's muzzle.
- Glue the small size black pom pom on the upper section of the muzzle. To make the nose, and glue the googly eyes on above the muzzle to make the eyes.
- Draw on the mouth.
- Glue the head onto the body
- Glue the medium size black pom pom to the butt of the bear to make the tail.
- Let dry

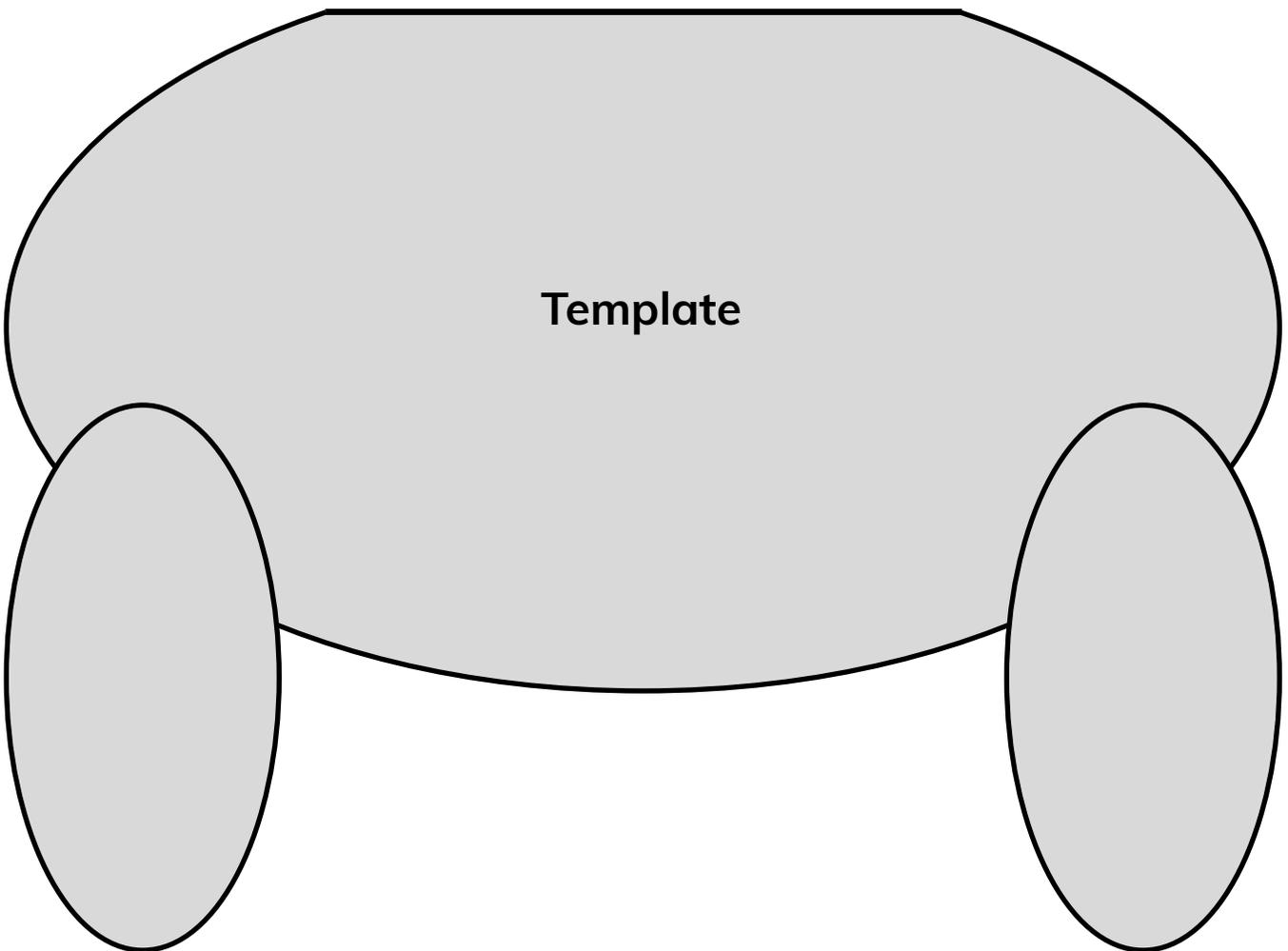
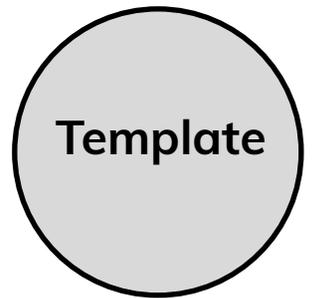
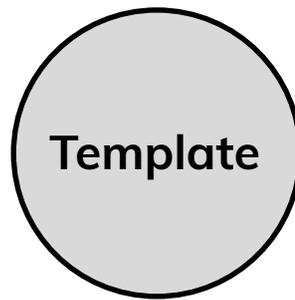
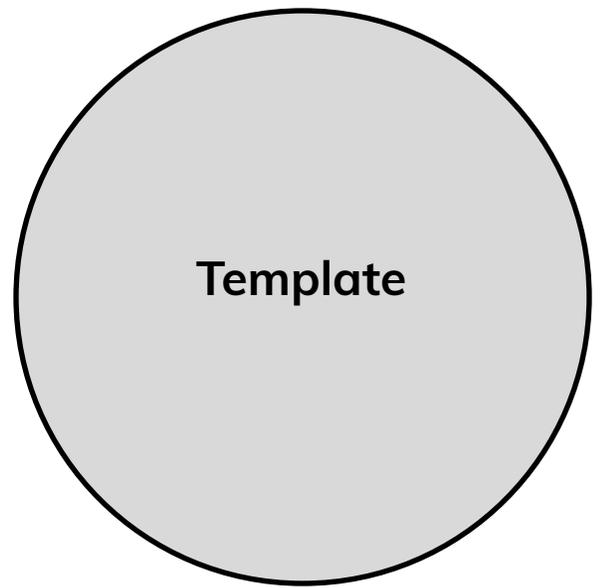
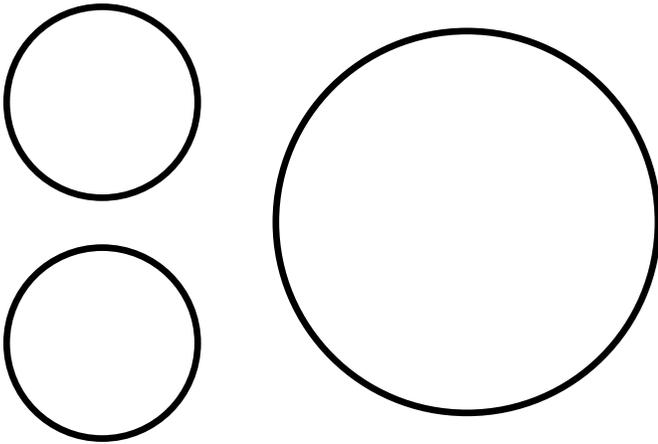


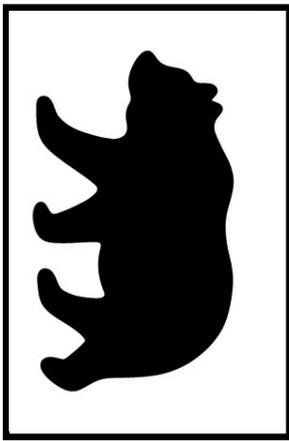
Bear Den

- Fold piece of white/brown construction paper in half
- Cut out entrance to the den in one half of the folded paper
- Glue cut out piece to the back on the den to make the floor
- Color paper to make it look like dirt, & rocks
- Tear the 3 1/4 sheets of red, orange, & yellow construction paper into pieces, to make them look like fall leaves
- Glue leaves into and around the den
- Let dry

Face/Ear Accents

(cut out and use as is)

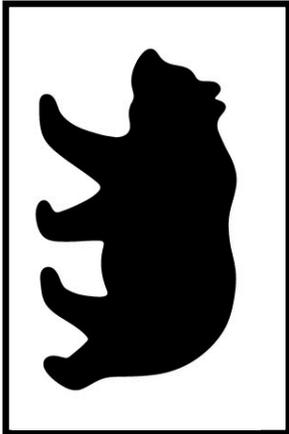




Watched Video Story Time!

If you watched the Mansfield Free Public Library's Summer Library Program Story Time video you can put this ticket towards a prize or towards the programs raffle.

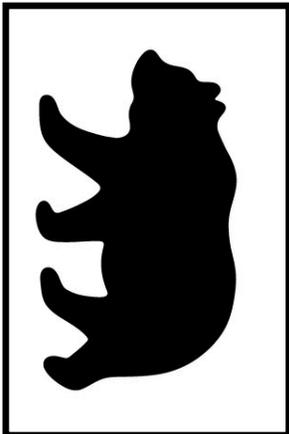
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Made The Craft!

If you made the craft from the Mansfield Free Public Library's Summer Library Program Story & Craft Time video you can put this ticket towards a prize or towards the programs raffle.

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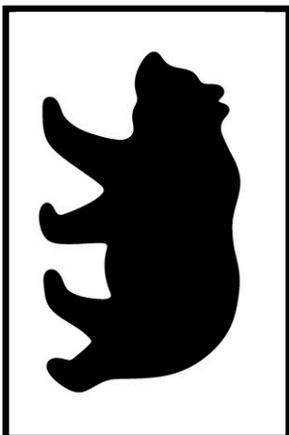


Read for 15 Minutes!

Take some time to read by yourself or with a parent/guardian.

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