

The Prairie That Nature Built Black Footed Ferret Puppet

Follow along with FCMoD's live stream Storytime in the Home: *The Prairie That Nature Built*. Then work together with an adult to make this Black Footed Ferret puppet! Black Footed Ferrets (BFFs) are an endangered species and an important part of the prairie ecosystem. You can learn more about them at <http://blackfootedferret.org/>



Supplies:

- A popsicle stick
- Black or green beads
- Glue
- Craft paper (White, Black, Pink, Green)
- Pencil
- Scissors

Instructions:

1. Place all your supplies on a clear surface with plenty of room to create.
2. Ask an adult to help you find some pictures of BFFs on the internet for inspiration!
3. Use a pencil to draw the shape of your BFFs head and ears on the white paper then cut it out. (*This one is about 2 ½ inches from ear to ear and 1 ¾ inches from top of ears to chin.*)
4. Cut out a mask (*an upside down U shape*) and a nose (*a rounded triangle shape with the point down*) from the black paper and glue them down.
5. Use the pink paper to cut out ears (*half circles*) and a small pointy mouth (*a very small flat triangle*) and glue them down.
6. Use black or green beads for eyes. A BFF's eyes appear green at nighttime.
7. Glue your BFF to the popsicle stick.
8. Cut out a round burrow for your BFF to live in! Make a small slit in the burrow to let your puppet pop in and out. Decorate your burrow with grass or other prairie features. Have fun!

