



This fun hedgehog craft activity is perfect for keeping little ones busy. You can make this simple craft using everyday household items. It's also a great way of introducing scissor practice to help develop a child's fine motor skills.

### Materials

- Paper plate
- Light and dark brown paint
- Marker
- Stapler or glue
- Child friendly scissors
- Paint brush



### Helpful Hints

A parent or carer should always be around during craft time. Keep safe and have fun practicing your scissor skills.

For little ones just starting to use scissors, encourage further fine motor skill development such as tearing paper, cutting shapes out of scrap paper or using finger puppets.

A stapler can be replaced by glue if a stapler is not suitable for some children.

### Extend/Enrich

This craft is a fun way to introduce and recognize the letter H. Have a look at what's around you and try to find something that begins with H (Hint: hat, horn, hose, house).

Fun fact: Did you know hedgehogs hibernate in the winter? Hibernating means every winter they store energy and sleep deeply through the cold winter months.

To continue improving new scissor skills try the **Paper Haircuts** craft available on the Reading Eggs Junior website.





# How to make your paper hedgehog!

1. Paint the middle of the paper plate light brown.
2. Paint the rim of the paper plate dark brown, leave to dry.
3. Fold the plate in half and get a parent to help you staple or glue the two sides together.
4. Carefully cut an outline of the hedgehogs face.
5. Draw the ears, eyes and a big smile onto the paper plate!
6. Carefully use the scissors to cut strips along the dark brown edge of the plate; these will be the spikes, keep snipping to finish creating your hedgehog.

