



Get crafty with your class to encourage read-along fun with Tony Wilson's hilarious picture book *The Cow Tripped Over The Moon*. Here's how to make your very own cow mask inspired by Laura Wood's beautiful illustrations, with a range of craft supplies, and the book, available at www.schoolessentials.com.au



CURRICULUM LINKS: ENGLISH AND VISUAL ARTS

How To Make Your Paper Plate Cow Mask

You will need:

- 1 paper plate for each student
- White and brown craft paint and paintbrushes for your students
- Enough scissors for the class to share
- Brown, pink and yellow felt
- Craft glue
- Thick black marker
- A length of hat elastic for each student, as long as the diameter of the paper plate
- A stapler



Step 1

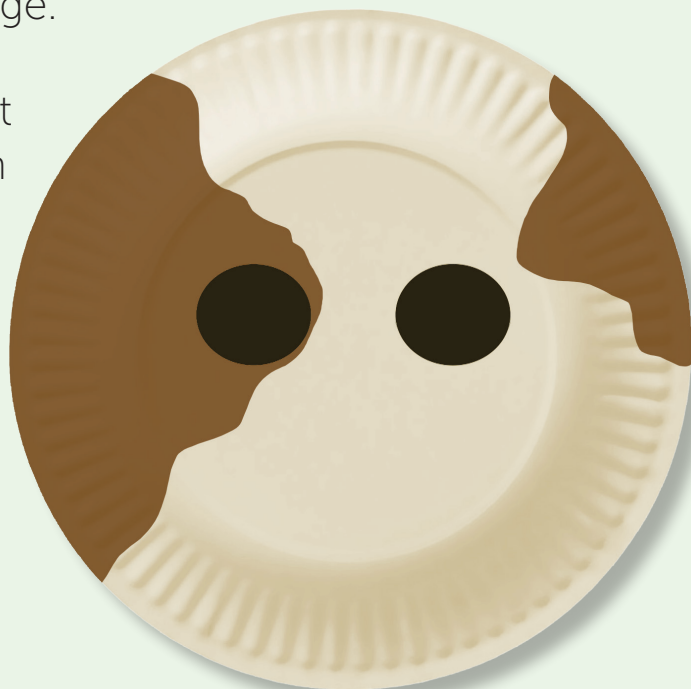
Draw eye holes on your paper plate, just above centre. Pinch plate together to cut out—you will probably have to do this for younger children.



Step 2

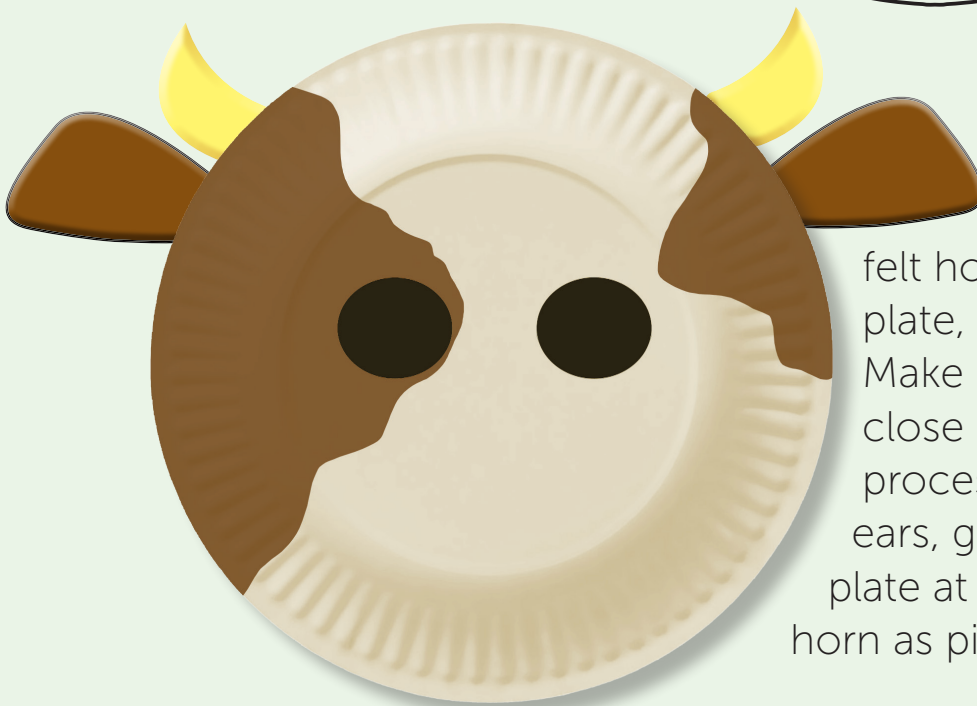
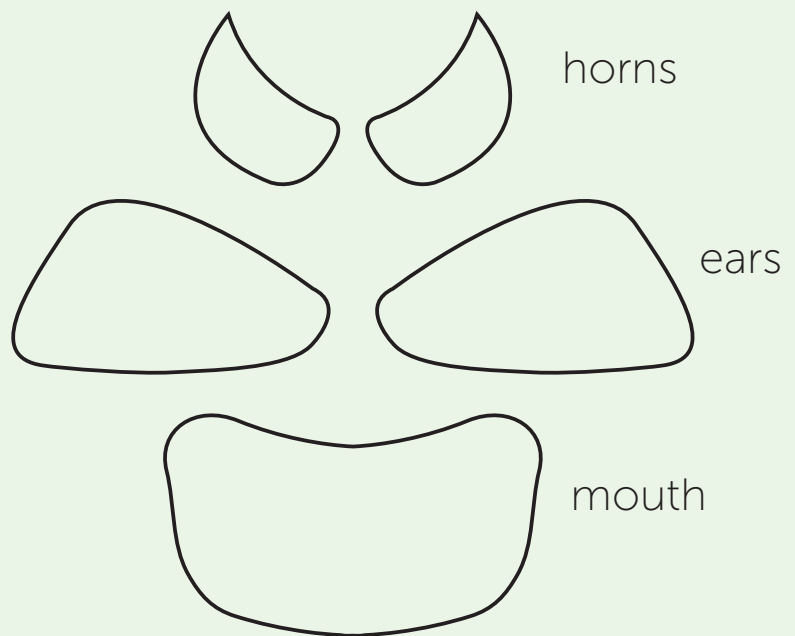
Mix together white paint with a touch of brown and yellow to make a light beige colour like the cow in the book, and paint all over your paper plate. You may need two coats to get solid coverage.

Once the light-coloured paint is dry, paint some dark brown splotches to match the cow in the book, or get creative and decorate your own beautiful cow face!



Step 3

Use the horn, ears and mouth templates to cut the shapes out of felt.



Step 4

Glue the two yellow felt horns at the top of the plate, with one on each side. Make sure they are not too close together. Repeat the process for the brown felt ears, gluing each one to the plate at the outer side of each horn as pictured.

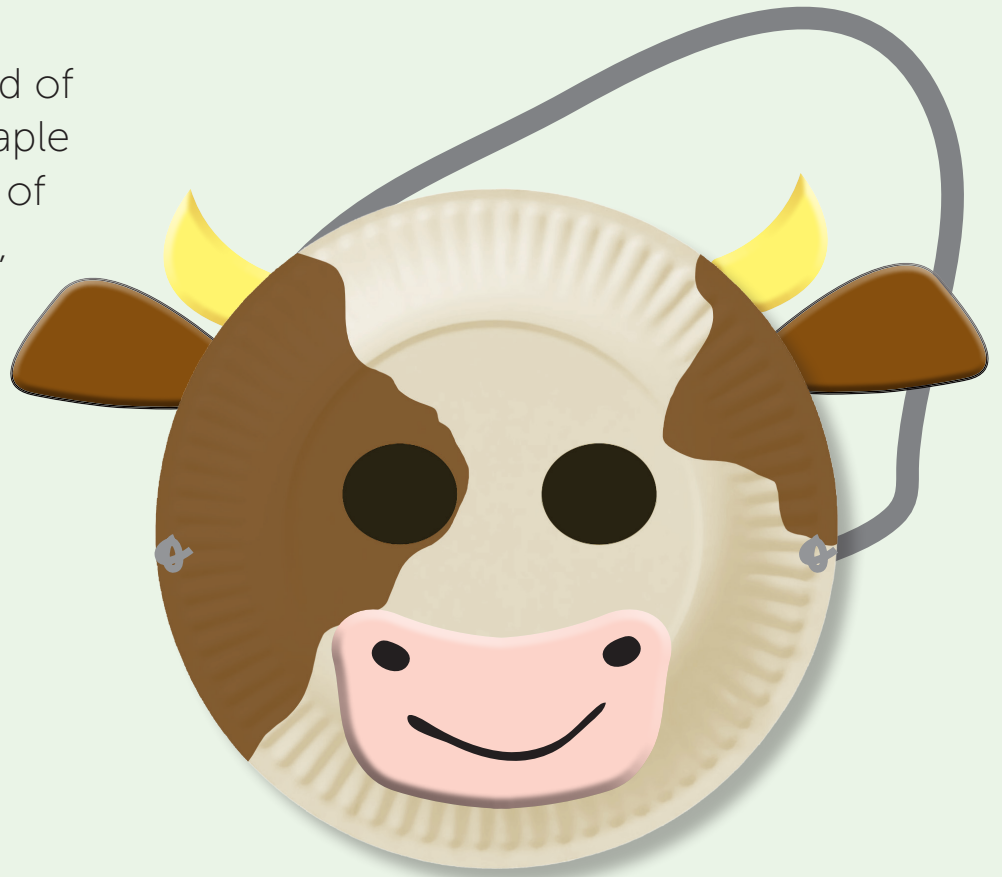
Step 5

Glue the cow's pink felt mouth onto the plate as shown. Use the marker to draw a little smile and nostrils onto the pink felt.



Step 6

Tie a knot in each end of the hat elastic and staple the ends to the sides of the back of the mask, with the knots on the outside to stop the elastic slipping through the staples.



YOU HAVE MADE YOUR MASK!



Wear your cow mask as you read along with the story of *The Cow Tripped Over The Moon*!