

Goats

The goats you see today are domesticated from the wild goat of Southwest Asia and Eastern Europe. The goat is a member of the Bovidae animal family, meaning it is closely related to the sheep. There are over 300 distinct breeds of goat, and it is one of the oldest domesticated species of animal. According to archaeological evidence, goats were first domesticated in Iran around 10,000 years ago.

Female goats are referred to as does or nannies and males are called bucks or billies. Young goats are called kids. Most goats have two horns and many have beards. Goats are ruminants, meaning they have a four-chambered stomach. They are grazers and will eat most anything that resembles something plant-like, even cardboard, paper and clothing. Goats are naturally curious. They are also agile and are known for their ability to climb and balance in risky places.

Goat-herding is an ancient tradition that is still important in places like Egypt. Goats are raised for their milk, meat, fur and their hide. Milk from goats can be turned into cheese. Historically, goat hides have been used as vessels for water and wine in travel and transport.





Paper Goat Hat Craft



Supplies

2 sheets of brown paper 1 sheet of black paper 1 sheet of white paper

Templates on page 3 of this document

Scissors

Glue

Pencil

Stapler or tape

Instructions

- Print out the templates on page 3 of this document. Cut out the template pieces. Set the eyes aside.
- 2. Trace the templates onto the correct colors of paper using a pencil. The templates are labeled with the color of paper and the amount of pieces you will need. Cut them out.
- 3. Staple or tape the headband pieces together in a circle that will fit your head. Have a parent help with this step if needed.
- 4. Glue the eyes, beard, nose, ears, horns and mouth onto the face piece of paper. Glue the face piece of paper onto the front of your headband. Use the picture above as a guide.
- 5. Allow your goat hat to dry completely before wearing.



