

Groundhog Craft

On February 2, also known as Groundhog Day, Punxsutawney Phil comes to the surface to see whether winter will stay or spring will come. If he sees his shadow, that's six more weeks of winter, but if he doesn't, then we get an early spring. Phil may only come out once a year, but you can make this groundhog pop up anytime, shadow or not. Get in the spirit of Groundhog Day by making this fun little pop-up groundhog.

What You Need:

- Paper cup
- Brown construction paper
- Pencil
- Black marker
- Scissors
- 6" craft stick or popsicle stick
- Glue

What You Do:

1. Do a search on the Internet for groundhog pictures to help your child get an idea of what a groundhog looks like.
2. Help her draw an outline of a groundhog on the brown construction paper with the pencil.
3. Draw a face and other details such as arms and legs on the groundhog with the black marker.
4. Now help her cut out the groundhog with the scissors.
5. Glue the craft stick about halfway up the back of the groundhog cutout.
6. Carefully cut a small slit in the bottom of the paper cup. Slide the end of the craft stick into the cup and through the slit. Show her how the groundhog pops in and out of the cup as you move the stick up and down.

