



Paper Plate-o-saurs

Use a store cupboard staple to create these colourful, not-so-prehistoric pals.

ENCOURAGES: Construction ★ Imagination

THE GREEN DINOSAUR

■ 1 Using the Dino 2 diagrams on page xx as a guide, mark a body, head, tail, spikes and legs onto

two paper plates, then carefully cut them out.

■ 2 Take the body and head pieces, both with the reverse side of the plate facing upwards. Position

the head near the bottom of the body at the right-hand side. The neck end should go behind the body.

■ 3 Push the point of your scissors through both pieces (adults only!), then fix a paper fastener through the hole to hold them together. Attach the tail at the opposite edge of the body in the same way.

STORE CUPBOARD

- Paper plates
- Pen or pencil
- Scissors
- Brass paper fasteners
- Paint
- Paintbrush
- Black marker pen

■ 4 Use two more paper fasteners to attach the legs, but this time position them so they're in front of the body, rather than tucked behind. Lastly, add the spikes around the top edges.

■ 5 Your dinosaur is now ready to be painted. You can decorate it in any way you like, although the spikes stand out even more boldly if you use a contrasting colour for them. Finish off by drawing on a face in black marker pen once the paint is dry.

THE RED & PURPLE DINOSAUR

All the pieces for this design are cut from a single paper plate (see the Dino 1 diagram). Mark them on and cut out, as above. Fix the head and tail in place, following the instructions

ALTERNATIVES

Our dinosaurs are quite simply decorated, but you can go as wild with patterns, colours and materials as you like. Try adding feathers, blobbing on glue to create a splotchy texture, sticking on scraps of paper or even, for a gorgeous girly dino, using glitter or sequins!

for the Green Dinosaur. Add the four legs in a similar way, this time positioning them behind the body section, rather than in front. To decorate, we picked two clashing colours and also used the ridges at the edge of the plate as a guide to paint simple stripes.

THE BLUE DINOSAUR

This one is a mixture of the other two dinos. It's entirely up to you how much you want to swap the designs around, and children might even want to create their own versions using the basic patterns as a guide.

To create the spotty look, squeeze a little paint onto a saucer, dip the eraser-end of a pencil into it, then use the eraser like a stamp, pressing it down onto your dinosaur.

