

SCARAB BEETLE PAPER PLATE

Age Range: Any

Description: Create your own personal beetle, using nothing but a paper plate, some paper, and coloring tools. This design is highly customizable and the opportunities are endless!

Historic Context: Nature informed much of the Ancient Egyptians perceptions and beliefs on life and life after death. The Scarab beetle, or the Dung beetle was a common icon for the belief of rebirth, that life comes again after death. The Dung beetle would roll large balls of dung, or poop, and then it would lay its eggs inside of the dung ball. The Ancient Egyptians would see the balls of dung, the end of all life, and then they would see baby beetles being born from inside of the dung ball. Thus, the Scarab beetle became an important icon, the symbol for rebirth, in Ancient Egyptian art.

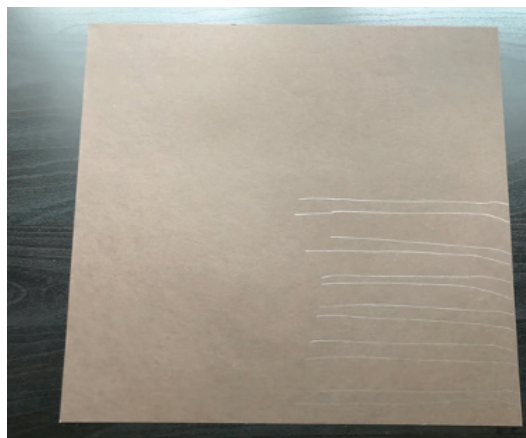
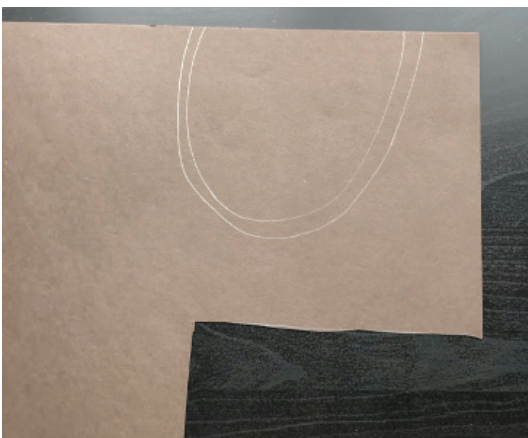
Time: 30+ min

Materials Needed: paper plate, markers or paint, paper, scissors, glue/tape

STEP ONE: PAINT OR COLOR YOUR PLATE



STEP TWO: CUT OUT LEGS & FANGS FOR BEETLE



STEP THREE: ATTACH THE BODY PARTS



STEP FOUR: DECORATE

