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QAP Inky: My Many Colored Paper Plate Spider

Materials:

- Black paper plates
- Red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, pink & white construction paper
- Hole punch
- Yarn
- Gold dots (quarter size)
- Wiggle eyes (Nickel size)
- Large glue dots
- Black marker
- Stapler
- Scissors
- Paper cutter

Directions:

Prep:

1. You could also have children paint their plates. Sometimes I'm in a painting mood, other times I want a quick and easy project, so I just pay the \$2.29 for 24 colored plates at the local party store. This is the project I choose to be no-mess and done in minutes.
2. Pre-cut ruler-width strips of rainbow colored paper + pink & white strips too, on the paper cutter.
3. If you don't have a good eye for this, trace a strip with a ruler and cut 8 at a time until you have a set for each student.
4. Hole punch and tie a yarn loop to save time the next day.

The next day...

5. READ the story *My Many Colored Spider* to the children. Have your book colored. Tell them they will be making their own booklet this afternoon to take home and share with their families along with Inky their very own many-colored spider friend. I also have made an Inky sock puppet I use to tell the story with.
6. Children WRITE their name on the back of their plate.
7. Students put 2 gold foil stickers at the top of their plate for eyes. You could actually use any color dots, or give your students a choice, but I

- liked the gold for that extra wow affect, and since the legs were multi-colored.
8. Give them 2 glue dots to stick their wiggle eyes on with. They should put the wiggle eyes on top of the gold foil stickers.
 9. Give each student a set of 8 colored “leg” strips. Demonstrate how to put 4 together and accordion fold them. Point out that the width of the fold should look like a little square box.
 10. Children fold each set, and then raise their hand to get them stapled to their Inky. They should have them in the rainbow-order of the story plus pink and finally white.

Directions for sock puppet:

1. I could not find a thick knee sock without a heel so I used a white man’s tube sock and dyed it.
2. Dye the sock
3. Turn it inside out.
4. Cut out a 4x3 inch piece of cardboard.
5. Fold the cardboard in half.
6. Hot glue the cardboard to the end of the inside of the sock so that half of it is on one side and the other half is on the other side. This will be the spider’s mouth so that you can make it talk if you want to.
7. Turn it back right side right.
8. Cut strips of red, orange, yellow, lime green, blue, purple, hot pink and white felt.
9. Hot glue pom poms of the matching colors to the tops of the ends of the strips.
10. Decide where the sides of the spider’s body will be.
11. Cut a little slit in the side for each leg and insert the end without the pom pom. Hot glue it shut.
12. Put 4 legs on one side, and 4 on the other side.
13. Hot glue wiggle eyes to the top of the “head” of the spider.
14. You could also put a heart-shaped piece of red felt inside the mouth and hot glue a fly inside if you wanted to.

