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Porthole Craft

Description: Make a fun craft with paper plates,

Recommended Ages: PreK – 1st

Materials:

- 2 paper plates
- Scissors
- Markers/Crayons/Colored Pencils
- Tape
- Yellow paint
- Brown paint
- Paint brushes
- Saran wrap
- Optional: Glue, sea shells, beads, sand, etc.

Procedure:

1. Have an adult use the scissors to make a frame from one paper plate. Your adult should fold the paper plate in half to make a slit, and then cut out the circular bottom of the plate.
2. Paint or color the bottom of your cut plate. This is going to be your porthole! I colored mine yellow, but the color is up to you.
3. Paint four smaller black or brown “bolts” to your yellow frame. The outside of your porthole is complete! Let dry.
4. Cut a square of clear or blue saran wrap. Flip your porthole frame over to the inside, and tape your saran wrap over the hole your adult cut out to make a window.
5. On the second paper plate, use coloring utensils to paint or draw an ocean scene. Make a pirate ship, a mermaid, or a deserted island- anything you might see outside the window of a pirate ship!
6. **Optional:** If you have other embellishments, like seashells on hand- use them to decorate the inside of your scene.
7. When this is completed, attached your paper plates by taping or stapling around the outside. Now you have a fun, ship porthole!