



Woodland Animal Play

For this activity, use your imagination to become two of our favorite fluffy animals, a **red fox** and a **raccoon**. These animals like to live in the **woods**, places with lots of **trees**, but are often found near humans too.

Suggested Ages - Early learners+

Guiding Questions -

- Where can you see trees? What animals do you see in these places?
- How can you find animals outside? What do you look or listen for?
- What do foxes and raccoons look like? What colors are they? Do they have the same body parts as we do? Do they have eyes? Ears? Noses? Feet?
- How do they move? What do they eat?
How can you be like a fox or raccoon?



Materials -

Mask templates, markers or crayons, scissors, string or yarn, and a hole punch (optional)

Activity Instructions -

- Print out the fox and raccoon mask templates.**
- Use your imagination to color the masks however you like. You may use the pictures as an example. Then, carefully cut your masks out.
- Cut four lengths of string about 8 inches long.
- Have an adult help finish the masks by cutting out the eyes, hole punching the sides of the masks, and tying the strings to the holes.
- Put a mask on by tying the strings in a bow behind your head.
- Pretend to be a fox or raccoon, and go on some woodland adventures!

**For sturdier masks, trace the template onto paper grocery bags or cardstock.

Extra Information -

- Foxes and raccoons have fur that covers their bodies. How does fur help animals? What other animals have fur? Do they all have the same kind?
- Raccoons have hands with five fingers like we do. They are great at feeling and grabbing things, and they love to wash their food in water. Can you pretend to be a raccoon washing its food?
- Both raccoons and foxes have long tails. Their tails help them balance when running or climbing. A fox also uses its tail as a blanket! Raccoon tails have stripes to help them hide in trees. Can you pretend to have a tail like a fox or raccoon?