

The Monkey and the Pirate Activity Guide

Monkey and Banana Tree Craft

"Oh, yes, that little monkey really loved his bananas..."

Make your own happy monkey climbing his banana tree to put on display at home with this easy craft from firstpalette.com – more photos can be found using their link under "Resources."

Materials:

Monkey and Banana template (found on last page) (optional)

Paper cup

Green construction paper (12" x 18")

Green craft foam – or more construction paper (12" x 9")

Printable card stock

Crayons or paint

Hole punch

Scotch tape

Pencil

Ruler

Scissors

Craft scissors (optional)

Craft stick (optional)

Instructions:

Print out the monkey and banana set template (found via the link in "Resources") on card stock or draw your own on construction paper. Color the monkey and the bananas using crayons or paint and then cut them out. Take care to color both sides of the monkey.



Next, you'll need the 12 in. by 18 in. sheet of construction paper to make the tree trunk. Roll the paper into a tall cone. Insert a paper cup at the base to provide support and to define the size of the tree's base. The tip of the cone should have a small opening (around 1.5 in. to 2 in. diameter) for the leaves. Tape the edge of the paper tree trunk in place and trim off any excess paper. Tape the paper cup to the base.



To make the leaves, you'll need the 12 in. x 9 in. sheet of craft foam (foam will hold its shape best, but you could also use more construction paper). Draw 5 evenly-spaced lines along the length of the foam sheet. Allow for a 2-inch margin at the top of each line. Cut along the lines. Curve the tips of each strip to make a tapering shape, similar to real banana leaves. While holding the foam piece by the uncut edge, roll the whole thing into a cigar shape.



Insert your rolled up leaves into the top opening of the tree trunk. Open up the leaves one at a time.

Use the banana bunches stem to hook onto the tree trunk.

Bend and curl the monkey's tail, then tape the monkey to the tree. You could also tape a craft stick to the monkey and use him as a puppet instead!

*Use your new monkey in his banana tree as decoration or to recreate your own version of **The Monkey and the Pirate.***

Make Your Own Banana Cream Pie

"Me mother says to me, I'd like to bake a pie..."

Grab your own little monkey and make this delicious, easy banana cream pie with them to see what all the fuss is about! This recipe is adapted from whatsgabbycooking.com

Ingredients:

1 Package Instant Vanilla Pudding*

2 cups heavy whipping cream

3/4 cup powdered sugar

3 bananas

1/2 bag Nilla Wafers



Instructions:

Make pudding based on package instructions. Chill and set aside.

Using a mixer, combine whipping cream and powdered sugar. Whip until soft peaks form. Transfer to a bowl and set aside.

Slice bananas in thin, 1/2 inch slices and set aside.



To assemble: start with a layer of pudding, followed by a layer of nilla wafers, and then some chantilly cream, some bananas, more pudding, another layer of nilla wafers, the last bit of bananas and then finish it off with the rest of the chantilly cream.

Chill for at least one hour before serving.

*If you're feeling adventurous, you can make your own vanilla pudding from scratch to take this recipe up a notch. See recipe link for homemade vanilla pudding in resources below.



Resources:

Banana Cream Pie Recipe: [Whatsgabbycooking.com](http://whatsgabbycooking.com)

<http://whatsgabbycooking.com/banana-pudding-pie/#.U3P6ZSh6VZm>

Homemade Vanilla Pudding: allrecipes.com

<http://allrecipes.com/recipe/homemade-vanilla-pudding/>

Monkey and Banana Set Template:

http://www.firstpalette.com/tool_box/printables/Monkeyandbanana.html

Monkey Tree Craft: [firstpalette.com](http://www.firstpalette.com)

http://www.firstpalette.com/Craft_themes/Animals/Monkey_Tree/Monkey_Tree.html

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