



Make Mealtime More Hee-hawesome with Donkey Hodie Placemats

Special meals with our family and friends are a **hee-hawesome** time to enjoy delicious foods and engaging conversations!

Children thrive on consistency, and a special meal might bring big changes to your family's routine. Prepare for a special occasion by giving your kids age-appropriate tasks like planning one menu item or arranging the dinner table. These small jobs will familiarize them with the occasion and let them know what to expect. And if their budding independence conflicts with others' suggestions, practice compromising! As best pals Donkey Hodie and Purple Panda realize when they want to do different things on Best Friends Day, a compromise allows both friends to get a little of what they want.

These easy-to-create *Donkey Hodie* placemats are fun for any special meal! Using household art supplies, your children can practice self-expression, compromising, and creativity as they make unique place settings for all the friends and families at the table.

MATERIALS

1. Crayons, markers, colored pencils, or paint
2. Glue
3. Scissors
4. Paper
5. *Donkey Hodie* character cutouts

Directions



- 1** Start with rectangular-shaped paper. A new piece of poster board or construction paper or even repurposing the blank side of wrapping paper will all work well!



- 2** Talk about the design of the placemat. What do you each imagine the placemat to look like? If there are different visions, practice compromising like Donkey Hodie often does with her best pals. And remember, it's more about the process of creating together than the finished product!

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3 Get creative and bring your design to life with your household art supplies—crayons, markers, and paint! For more hee-hawesome fun, add words and character cut-outs from the *Donkey Hodie* series.



4 You might consider writing a mealtime conversation starter on the placemat! “What was the silliest part of your day?”; “Have you ever had to compromise?”; or, “Tell us a story about you and a best pal.”



5 Use your unique *Donkey Hodie* placemats at your next special meal with family and friends!

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Mealtime Placemat Decorations

Hee-hawesome!

Believe it!

Best Pals

Family

Neighbors

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