

# Uncle Sam Craft



In honor of the 4th of July, we're sharing this fun and easy patriotic craft. Uncle Sam is a *personification* of the United States, which means his image represents our country, specifically the government. While his exact origins are unknown, Uncle Sam has been used as a symbol since the early 19th century.



## Materials Needed

7 jumbo popsicle sticks

School glue

Small paper plate

Red craft paint

Blue craft paint

White craft paint

Foam paintbrush

Craft scissors

White cardstock paper

Pink cardstock paper

2 googly eyes

Pen or marker

# Instructions

1. Assemble the base of your Uncle Sam by gluing your popsicle sticks together - 6 next to each other, with 1 across the center.
2. Set aside to let it dry completely.
3. Grab your three paint colors and small paper plate. Squirt all three colors onto the paper plate.
4. Paint the top half of the popsicle sticks to look like Uncle Sam's hat (see the photo on the first page for reference).
5. Set aside to let it dry completely.
6. Trace your hand on the white cardstock.
7. Use the scissors to cut out the traced design.
8. Cut out a button nose from the pink cardstock.
9. Glue the handprint cutout on the popsicle stick frame to look like a beard.
10. Glue the googly eyes and pink nose to finish the face.

**Happy July 4th!**