



## Craft Activity

**Theme:** Australian Animals - Wombats

**Intro:** Wombats are short legged marsupials, native to Australia. Wombats are herbivores – which means they eat mostly grasses, herbs, bark and roots. They grow to 1m in length.

**Craft activity:** Make a Wombat Face

**Children will need:** Paper Plate, brown & black paint, brown paper/card, paint brushes, glue stick, scissors, black texta.

### Instructions:

Using the scissors, cut eye holes in to the paper plate. Paint the paper plate brown, allow paint to dry, then paint on a black nose. While paint is drying – cut out the wombat's ears. Once paint is dry, glue on the ears and draw the mouth on with black texta.

**Extension Idea:** What other Australian animals can you think of? Visit the Zoo to see the wombats. Crawl around the floor like a wombat? Can you find out what types of Wombats there are?

**Fact:** Wombat poop is square, it is shaped like a cube. The shape of their poop stops it from rolling away. This helps the Wombat “mark it's territory”.



**Learning Outcome 2:** Children are connected with and contribute to their world.

## Coordinator extension ideas and group time guide

### Sensory activity: Playdough Wombats

**You will need:** Sensory Playdough

#### Ingredients:

Plain Flour	1 Cup
Salt	1/2 Cup
Cream of Tartar	1 Tablespoon
Cooking Oil	1 Tablespoon
Boiling Water	1 Cup
Food Colouring	1/2 - 1 Teaspoon
Cinnamon	1 tablespoon

#### Directions:

- Mix together dry ingredients
- Mix food colouring and oil into water and slowly add to dry ingredients until dough forms
- Knead until smooth and stretchy
- Store in an air tight container in the fridge
- Add flavour essence, glitter or herbs for variation!

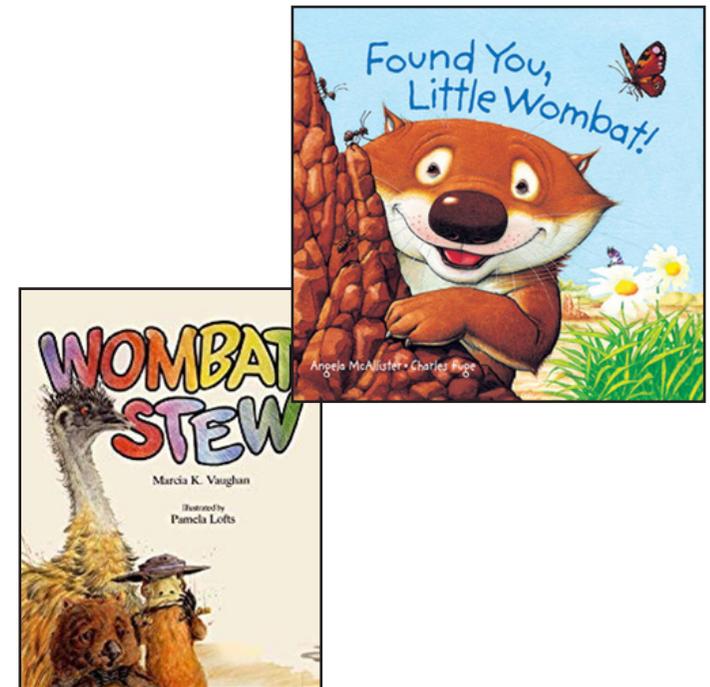
Make playdough as per instructions. Collect twigs, gumnuts and leaves to mould into wombats and create a habitat for your friendly wombat.

### Outside Activity: Wombat Stew

Make your very own Wombat Stew. Help the children to collect things like gumnuts, leaves, feathers, add them to a pot, just like the characters in the book, "Wombat Stew", do to try and save their friend Wombat from Dingoes.

### Group time ideas:

- Reading time
- Sing The Wombat Wobble (lyrics attached)
- Do you know the names of other Australian Animals?



### Book Suggestions:

Found You, Little Wombat by Angela McAllister  
Wombat Stew by Marcia Vaughan



## Wombat Wobble

Come and do the Wombat Wobble.  
Let's do it.  
Do the didgeridoo  
And the wombat wobble  
And the Kangaroo  
And the emu too  
Jump in the air  
And you turn around  
And say to mum and dad  
And all your friends in a big love heart  
I LOVE YOU.  
Do the crocodile snap  
And the cockatoo flap  
And the penguin walk  
And the little seal clap  
Jump in the air  
And you turn around  
And say to mum and dad  
And all your friends in a big love heart  
I LOVE YOU.



\*Song continues to get faster