

# CLIMBING RACCOONS



Raccoons are amazingly agile climbers. They have more sensory cells in their paws than most mammals so their hands and feet are very sensitive. Their paws are also shaped much like a human hand, making it easy for them to climb trees, fences, and drainpipes to find food and shelter. They are also pretty good at opening coolers and garbage cans!



## Materials:

- Template (see page two)
- Cardstock
- Markers or crayons
- Scissors
- Drinking straw
- Penny
- Tape
- 2.5ft of yarn or string
- 2 beads

## Directions:

1. Print the template on cardstock.
2. Color and cut out the template.
3. Cut two 1 inch pieces of straw and place them on the back of the template in the middle across from each other. The openings of the straw should be vertical. Tape them down.
4. Tape a penny on the back towards the bottom of the template. This will give some weight to the raccoon.
5. Feed the 2.5 ft of yarn through the straws.
6. Tie a bead to each end of the yarn. This will help keep the end of the yarn from going through the straw.
7. Hang your raccoon on the door knob. Pull both ends of the yarn at the same time to watch your raccoon climb!



