

# Alexander Hamilton Piggy Bank

## Supplies:

- Plastic bottle
- Black marker
- Pink foam sheets (different shades of pink can be used)
- Scissors
- Googly eyes
- Hole punch
- Bottle caps
- Hot glue gun
- X-acto knife



## Steps:

	<p>Step 1: Wrap a light pink foam sheet around the straight side of the plastic bottle. Cut off any extra that extends past the bottom, and discard it.</p>
	<p>Step 2: Draw a rectangle in the center of the foam sheet. This will be the piggy bank's coin slot.</p>
	<p>Step 3: Cut out the rectangle.</p>
	<p>Step 4: Use a hot glue gun to apply glue to the foam sheet. Make sure to apply glue near the coin slot as well.</p>

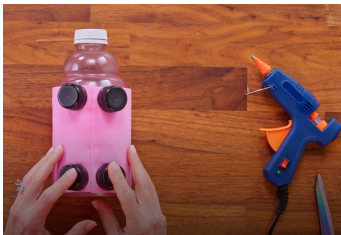




Step 5: Carefully roll the plastic bottle onto the foam sheet. Press down so it sticks to the bottle.



Step 6: Cut out the coin slot on the plastic bottle with the X-acto knife.



Step 7: Flip the bottle over and glue the bottle caps on the side opposite the coin slot. The bottle caps will be the piggy's feet!



Step 8: For the piggy bank's snout, remove the cap from the plastic bottle. Grab a darker pink foam sheet and trace the cap on the foam. Cut out the circle.



Step 9: To cover the outside of the cap, cut a strip of foam that is wider than the cap. Glue the strip around the cap, making sure the closed end of the cap lines up with the edge of the foam strip. Trim off any extra. Screw the cap back onto the plastic bottle.



Step 10: Using a black marker, color the middle part of the bottle cap.



Step 11: Hole punch two nostrils into the middle of the foam circle cut in Step 8.



Step 12: Glue the circle onto the bottle cap.



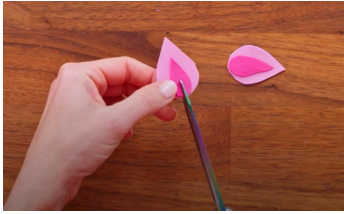
Step 13: Glue the googly eyes above the snout.



Step 14: To make the ears, draw and cut out a teardrop shape from the lighter pink foam. Trace that piece to make the second ear, so both are the same size. Cut out the second ear. Next, trace one of the ears that has already been cut out onto darker pink foam. Draw a smaller teardrop shape inside that ear and then cut out the smaller teardrop. Repeat to make the second smaller teardrop. You should now have two larger light pink teardrop shapes and two smaller dark pink teardrop shapes.



Step 15: Glue the smaller teardrop shapes inside the larger teardrop shapes, making sure the little teardrops touch the bottoms of the larger teardrops.



Step 16: Cut a slit at the bottom of both ears.



Step 17: Put a dot of glue on one side of the slit and then fold and press the other side of the slit over the glue to make the bottom of the ear curved. Repeat with the second ear.



Step 18: Glue the ears onto the plastic bottle.



Step 19: For the tail, draw a circle on light pink foam about the size of the snout bottle cap. Next, draw a swirl inside the circle.



Step 20: Cut out the whole circle on the outside. Then, cut along the swirly line made in Step 19.



Step 21: Glue the center of the curly tail to the piggy's bottom.

**What does a Founding Father have to do with a piggy bank?** A Founding Father of the United States was someone who helped create America's system of government in 1776 and the years after when we declared freedom from Great Britain. There were many Founding Fathers: George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and Benjamin Franklin were a few. Alexander Hamilton was also a Founding Father who worked hard to get our U.S. Constitution approved in 1788. Hamilton was named the first U.S. Secretary of Treasury and helped create how our money works here in America. His face is on our ten-dollar bill, which is why we're making a piggy bank!

#### **Fun Facts:**

- Alexander Hamilton was born in the 1750s in the British West Indies. He was an orphan with no money, but was very smart and wanted to succeed. People in his community believed he could achieve great things if he got an education, so they bought him a ticket to sail to America.
- Alexander Hamilton eventually went to New York City and used his talents to fight for freedom. He bravely fought in the American Revolution with George Washington. He was also a great writer. Many say that our U.S. Constitution became law because of essays he wrote that are part of *The Federalist Papers*. In 1789, President George Washington named Hamilton the first Secretary of the Treasury. Hamilton's job was to strengthen America's money system, and he did that by creating a national bank.
- When Hamilton became Secretary of the Treasury, his first goal was to repay all the money the United States borrowed to fight the British, which was about 75 million dollars. He said, "The debt of the United States...was the price of liberty." Hamilton also wanted the Treasury to create a United States Mint to make U.S. coins. A mint was created, but it didn't become part of the Treasury Department until 1873.

#### **Extension Activity:**

Coin Sorting Activity: Use real or play money of various amounts, including a ten-dollar bill, to showcase Alexander Hamilton's presence in our currency. Encourage children to sort the coins into different groups based on their value. As they sort, discuss the significance of Alexander Hamilton's contributions to the U.S. monetary system and how his face on the ten-dollar bill reflects his role in establishing the first national bank.