Simple Animal Costume Ideas for Kids (Ages 6–9)

Here are fun, easy, and school-appropriate animal costume ideas that can be made with simple household items. Perfect for a homeschool party or themed dress-up day!

Cat

- Black or gray shirt and leggings
- Paper or felt ears taped to a headband
- Draw whiskers and a nose with eyeliner
- Tail: stuff a sock and pin to back
- Optional: ribbon 'collar' with paper name tag

Dog

- Brown or tan shirt and pants
- Paper or felt floppy ears on headband
- Black eyeliner nose and spots
- Tail: rolled towel or sock pinned to back
- Optional: paper 'dog tag' on string necklace

Bunny

- White or gray shirt and pants
- Paper ears with pink inside taped to headband
- Cotton ball or pom-pom tail
- Pink nose and whiskers with crayon or face paint
- Optional: carry a toy carrot

Fox

- Orange or red shirt and dark pants
- Orange paper ears on headband
- White paper belly patch
- Tail: orange towel or sock with white tip
- Draw small black nose with eyeliner

Bear

- Brown shirt and pants
- Paper ears on headband
- Black nose with face paint
- Optional: carry a small 'honey' jar prop

Mouse

- Gray shirt and leggings
- Gray paper ears with pink inside
- Pink nose and whiskers
- Tail: string or ribbon pinned to back
- Optional: paper 'cheese' prop

Chicken

- White shirt, yellow pants or leggings
- Paper beak on string or elastic band
- Feathers (paper cutouts) taped to sleeves
- Paper comb taped to headband

Zebra

- White shirt with black tape or paper stripes
- Black pants
- Paper ears and mane taped to headband
- Black nose drawn with face paint

Frog

- Green shirt and pants
- Paper frog eyes on headband
- Green paper cheeks or light face paint
- Roll paper into 'tongue' and tape to straw

- Black socks or gloves for paws
- Paper ears taped to headband
- Black circles around eyes with eyeliner
- Optional: rolled green paper 'bamboo' prop

Tip: Keep it comfortable and creative! These animal costumes are meant to be playful, simple, and easy for kids to make and wear safely.