

MAKE YOUR OWN SKYDIVING BEAVER

I was delighted to receive this email from librarian Karin Thogersen describing how she incorporated a clever craft into her storytime reading of ***The Skydiving Beavers: A True Tale...***

Dear Susan,

I really enjoyed reading about the skydiving beavers—especially Geronimo—in your picture book. I shared it with a special needs class in our monthly storytime this May and the kids (and their teachers and aides) also thought it was a hoot. After I read the book to them, I helped everyone make their own skydiving beavers (ours were sans boxes). We cut out beavers and then attached tails (separate, so they could stand up) and tied them to coffee filter parachutes, which the kids got to decorate. Then we launched them into the air—that was the best part for them. One girl told me that she and her beaver were not getting along and that she'd had to give him "detention." Who knew?

Just wanted to let you know that I loved the book and thought it was a lot of fun as well as being informative. Keep up the great work! I'm looking forward to reading more of your books. :)

~Karin (YA Librarian, Huntley Area Public Library, Huntley, IL)

Karin graciously allowed me to share instructions and a template for her adorable ***Skydiving Beavers***-inspired craft. Hope you'll give it a try and let me know how it turned out at www.skydivingbeavers.com!

Materials:

Cardstock

Coffee filters

Embroidery floss or string

Markers/crayons

Instructions:

- Photocopy beavers on cardstock and cut out (separate tail, fold at the top, attach with double-stick tape or gluestick, makes it able to stand).
- Punch holes on two sides of coffee filter and the beaver's paws; tie beaver to parachute using the floss.
- LAUNCH!



