

## Down by the Station

Down by the station early in the morning See the little puffer bellies all in a row See the station master pull the little handle Chug chug, choo choo, here we go!



## Wheels on the Train

Tune: The Wheels on the Bus

The wheels on the train go clickety clack, clickety clack, clickety clack, The wheels on train the go clickety clack, On the railroad tracks.

The engine on the train goes chug chug chug... The conductor on the train says "ticket please"... The people on the train go bounce, bounce, bounce... The whistle on the train goes toot, toot, toot...

## Shape Train with Paper or Paint & Sponges

#### **Supplies:**

- Scissors
- Construction paper
- Glue stick
- Tempera paint
- Paper plates
- Black marker





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#### Construction Paper:

Cut and glue squares, circles, and rectangles from construction paper for this simple craft!

## Paint & Sponges:

- Start by cutting the sponges into the shapes you will need
  - Sponges cut in half for larger train cars
  - Smaller, curvy trains sponges cut into fourths
  - Sponges cut into small circles to make the wheels
- Squirt tempera paint onto paper plates
- Dip the sponges into the paint and stamp them onto your paper to create a train
- Dip the small, circular sponge into black paint and add wheels to each train car
- Use a black marker to draw lines connecting each train car

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Visit the Washington State History Museum April 2 - August 22, 2021

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Hop aboard for a journey through the history of train travel in Washington State! Although railroad travel was later eclipsed by the invention of the automobile, for many riders in the late 1800s and early 1900s, train travel was preferred for long distances. This exhibition of printed material and objects from the WSHS collections provides a glimpse of how and why passengers traveled.

Come and explore railroad travel history, and while you're at the museum, don't miss Washington's largest permanent model railroad layout, also on the fifth floor, installed and operated by Puget Sound Model Railroad Engineers!





# **Train Facts**

- The very first trains used a system that depended on gravity, horses, and ropes.
- The early trains in North America were often powered by wood-burning engines as wood was plentiful and cheaper than coal.
- Most freight or cargo trains are powered by an engine at the front that pulls the freight cars. Some have an additional locomotive at the back to help push the freight cars from behind.