

How-To Make a Banana Dog

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What you need:

1 banana, 1 knife

Instructions:

1. Cut off the tip of the banana -- about 1/4".
2. Cut that piece in half. Save those pieces.
3. Make two V-shaped cuts. The cuts are about 1/2 - 3/4" long and they are about an inch from the end of the banana, with the point of the V toward the tip of the banana. These will be the ears.
4. Flap up the banana skin released by the V-shaped cuts.
5. Gently push the two saved pieces, into the space next to the "ears." These are the eyes.
6. Make a U-shaped cut, starting about an inch back of the V-shaped cuts. This cut should be about 3" long. The cut should be through the banana skin, but not into the banana itself.
7. Make a 4" long horizontal cut through the banana, starting at the tip of the banana. This is the mouth.
8. To make the banana dog "talk," pull gently back (not up) on the U-shaped flap to open and shut the mouth.
9. Have fun with your banana dog. When you're finished, you've got a snack.

