

Animal Silhouette Drawing



Supplies:

- Heavy black card stock paper
- White Paper
- Animal silhouette templates, *(or books of animals to draw from sight)*
- Pencil, scissors, exacto knife *(only if there are lots of details in your animal that you want to highlight - and kids, get ADULTS to help!)*
- Glue stick
- Chalk or oil pastels, or colored pencils

Animal Silhouette Drawings:

1. Working with a full sheet of heavy black cardstock, trace the silhouette (outline) of an animal on it. Work with the templates we provided or draw your own animal.
2. Cut out your silhouette, if you want details included, use an exacto knife WITH THE HELP OF AN ADULT.
3. Once the silhouette is complete, set it aside. Now think of the animal's skin, or fur, or feathers. Notice the textures and patterns of your animal - does it have spots or stripes, feathers or suckers, smooth skin or rough?
4. On a white sheet of paper, using colored pencil, chalk pastel, chalk, oil pastel or even acrylic paint (for those older kiddos, maybe 8+), start drawing the animal's skin/fur/feathers. Be aware of pattern - repeating shapes (giraffe's blocks, tiger's stripes, snake's scales...), and sketch them using appropriately long or short sketches or strokes.
5. Pay attention to the texture of the animal - if it's fuzzy, use short soft strokes, if it is spiky use long specific strokes, if it's bumpy (like an octopus) leave white areas around the suckers so it looks like they are raised above the skin.
6. Cover the entire background paper with the animal's skin/fur/feathers...
7. When the background is complete, glue the black silhouette on top of the pattern. And you're done!
8. **If you are working with a Wonder & King art supply kit, you can make your own background pre-printed backgrounds for your animal silhouette. Just make sure you put the right appropriate background!

