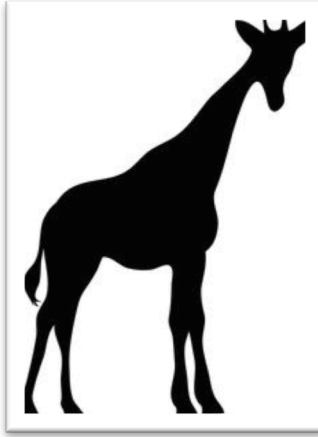
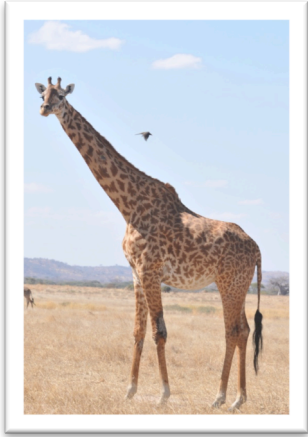


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AT-HOME ART PROJECT: Animal Silhouettes

INSTRUCTIONS



MATERIALS NEEDED FROM HOME:

- 1 Drawing tool- Colored Pen or Pencil, Marker, Sharpie, Chalk or Crayon (Just one of these, any color)
- 1 Blank Piece of Paper (any size/any color)
- 1 "Recyclable" Paper like newspaper, magazine pages or ads/coupons that come in the mail
- Scissors
- Glue Stick or Glue Bottle

ART PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Artists will create an animal silhouette using recycled paper.

PROMPT QUESTIONS:

- When you look at animals and think of drawing them, do you worry that it's too hard to get them to look "right" because they are so detailed? How can you look at them as shapes and lines instead of tiny details? If you squint your eyes and look at them, can you see a big outlined shape?
- Have you ever heard of a silhouette before? Have you ever seen one? (A silhouette is the dark shape and outline of someone or something visible against a lighter background.)
- Have you used papers you would normally recycle in your art before? Can you think of other ways you could use these papers in other art projects? Even though silhouettes usually use black paper, we are being resourceful and adding an eco-friendly element to our art project today by using papers that we would normally recycle!

ART MAKING PROCESS: (See photos below)

Step 1:

- Find a picture of an animal you want to use as your model for this project (or use the photo of the giraffe)

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below). You can look in books, magazines, the internet. Try to find a picture with a lighter background behind your animal. **(Fig.1)**

Step 2:

- Get your “Recyclable” paper and your drawing tool ready to begin your drawing. Decide which side of your recyclable paper you will want for your silhouette. Flip over your paper so you will be drawing on the side you didn’t choose. Look at the picture of your animal, squint your eyes and try to see the shape and outline of your animal. Think of shapes like circles, rectangles, ovals, triangles, etc. For this art experience, you shouldn’t even think about what the animal is, just the shapes you see. Draw the connected shapes onto your recyclable paper. **(Fig.2)**

Step 3:

- Once your shapes are all drawn, looking again at your photo of the animal, you will draw an outline around all the shapes that can be smooth and curvy in places. This is the outline of your silhouette **(Fig.3)**.

Step 4:

- Using your scissors, cut along the large outline you have drawn. (Don’t cut out the individual shapes.) **(Fig.4)**
This is your silhouette!

Step 5:

- Flip over your silhouette so you don’t see any of the drawing lines. Glue this piece onto your blank paper. **(Fig.5)**

Step 6:

- Artist will now choose if you want to leave the silhouette as is, which is a traditional silhouette. Or you may choose to add a few extra lines with your drawing tool. **(Fig.6)**

POST PROMPT QUESTIONS:

- Did you enjoy thinking about an animal as a series of shapes? What else can you look at that way? Can it help you to draw images you never thought you would be able to draw?
- How did you like using recyclable paper in your art? Have you seen artworks using recycled paper and materials before? (If you look online there are lots of cool ways to use everyday objects in art!)

EXTRA FUN:

- What other animals would you like to create silhouettes of? What other papers can you use?
- Would you like to do a silhouette of your pet? Can they stay still long enough for you to really look at their shapes? Try it!
- If you’re doing art outside, you can try to do a silhouette of a bird, or even other objects like trees, plants, buildings, etc. The possibilities are endless- have fun!

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EXAMPLES:

Fig.1



Fig.2



Fig.3



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Fig.4



Fig. 5



Fig.6

