

# Visual Arts Planning: Animals and Wildlife

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Animals make an exciting topic for exploring creative projects. As well as learning about who we share our planet with, it's important for young people to learn about the role they have in looking after the delicate balance of our habitats. Here, we have collected some resources together that celebrate animals and their habitats.

You might also like to explore our [Bird](#) and [Minibeast](#) collections.

Tell us what you are planning to cover or explore this term in your school or institution and we'll recommend resources or learning approaches which we think might feed your teaching.

Contact us by [email](#).



## Explore Animal and Wildlife resources

### Drawing Stories



Create illustrations rich in narrative and expression

the geometry of chickens



Explore capturing proportions and form

Drawing Cartoon animals



Explore how to draw cartoon animals

## Spiral Snails



[Explore drawing big gestural spirals](#)

Drawing toys inspire by gwen jones cats



[Explore drawing animal toys](#)

Drawing Fish with Pen, Pencil and Watercolour





Create mixed-media observational drawings

**Drawing and Collaging Fish and Seeing  
Composition**



Develop drawings across media

**Adapting AccessArt: woodland creatures**



[A series of resources to explore drawing animals](#)

**modelling monsters**



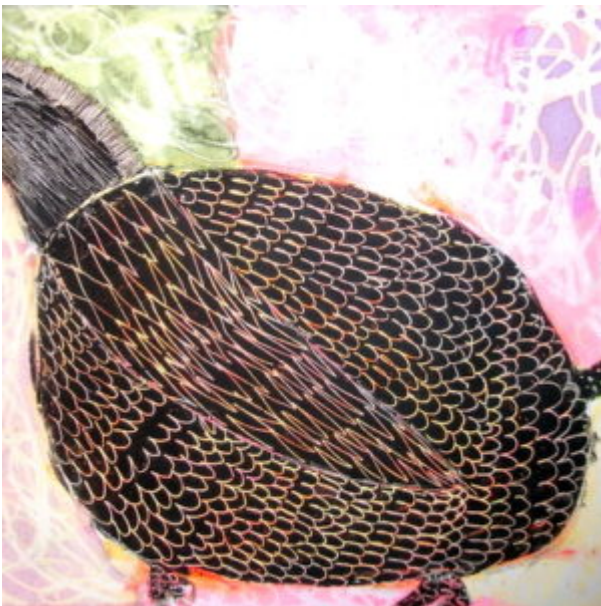
[Create monsters inspired drawings of animals](#)

**Chimera drawings**



Create your own chimera beasts

wax resist chimera



Create beasts exploring mark-making and texture

chimera tiles



Sgraffito chimera beasts into red clay tiles

**Articulated beasts**



Create moving beasts inspired by toys

**articulated animals**





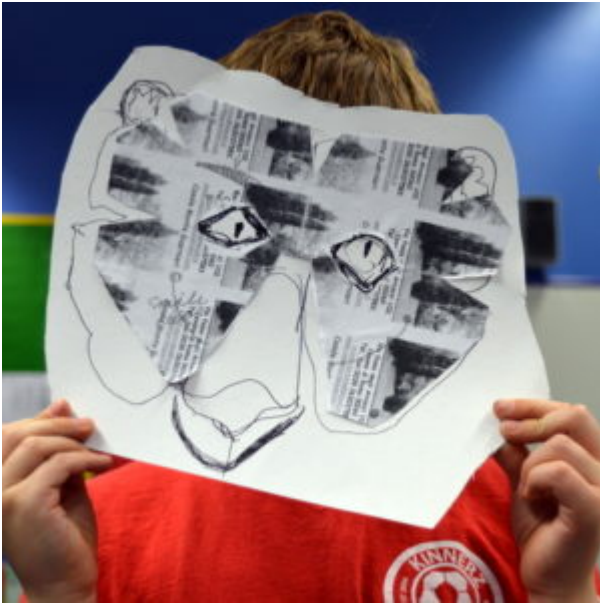
Find engineering solutions to articulate drawings

shadow puppets



Create puppets and cast shadows

Animal Masks



Create animal mask designs

dancing bones



Create large drawings and of animal skeletons

Drawing skulls in black pen



Create large scale continuous line drawings

**Drawing on Pebbles**



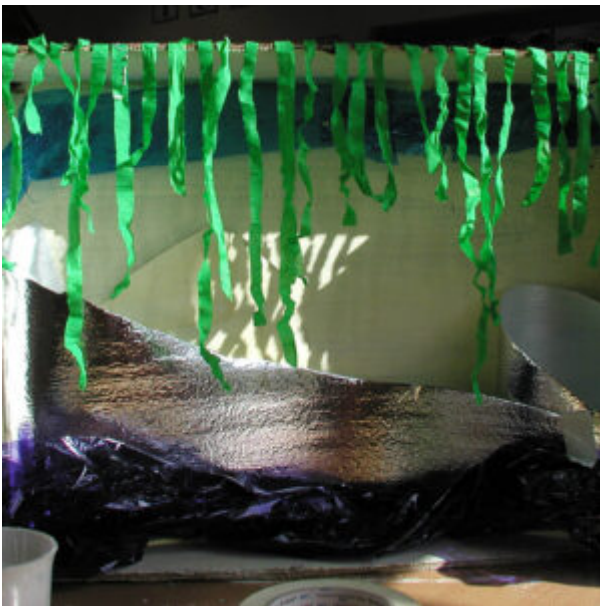
Transform rocks into 'fossils'

**Dressing up as Fossils**



**Fill a canvas and become fossils!**

**Ice Worlds**



**Create an ice world above and below the waterline**

**Newspaper Heads**





Create colourful, painted newspaper animal heads

**Making Long Legged Animals**



Create long-legged modroc creatures

**Animal Sculptures**



## Create mixed-media sculptures

**Drawing, Collage, Painting and Sculpture.  
(Part 1)**



## Make individual sculptures of polar bears

**DRAWING, COLLAGE, PAINTING AND SCULPTURE.  
(PART 2)**



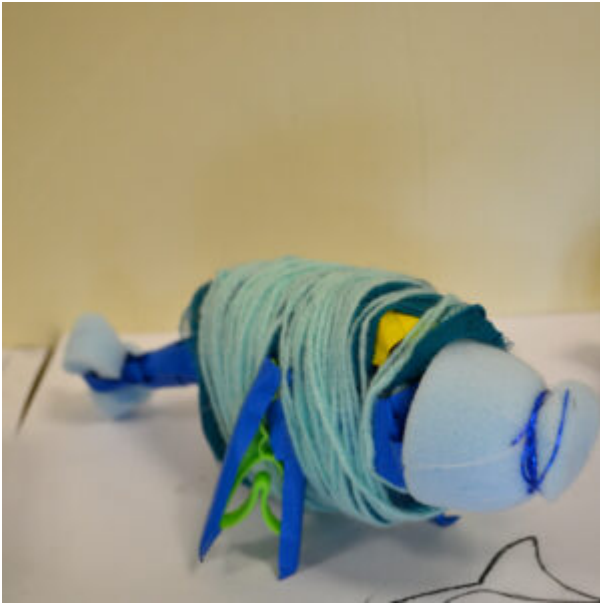
Create an icy installation in the school hall

**Exploring Casting with Animal Moulds**



Make casts to explore the work of Henri Rousseau

**making sea sculptures**



Explore wrapping and binding techniques to make fish

**fish sculptures**



Create 3D sculptural fish from modroc

**fabulous fish**





Transform recycled bottles and plastic into fish

skull sculptures



Make 3D skull sculptures with white paper

Working on black paper



[A range of painting projects using black paper](#)

**Making Illustrated Letters**



[Find a fun activity focusing on illustrated letters](#)

**Anthropomorphic Portraits**



Give human characteristics to animals

An Ecological Mural



Explore animal habitat through a large mural

A wildflower Meadow



Create artworks inspired by a summer meadow

**Hedgerow Art**



Create hedgerow-inspired drawings and paintings

**drawing the savannah**





Create a mixed-media collaborative landscape

our river



Create a layered 'wax resist' on a massive scale

Painting A Rainbow Forest



[Make a large-scale, colourful forest painting](#)

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