



Craft
Ages 9–12
30 minutes

Drawn from Nature

Description

Inspired by the book *Drawn from Nature*, create animals using materials from the natural world.

Competencies

- Creative and imaginative thinking
- Spatial relationships
- Organization and planning

Materials

- Paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- Material from the natural world (grass, leaves, stems, twigs, flowers, etc.)
- Optional: animal templates on white paper
- Optional: shape templates (printed on a variety of coloured paper if not using material from the natural world)
- Optional: container or plastic bag for participants to collect natural world material

Preparation

- If not going on a nature walk with participants, collect material from the natural world before the program
- Alternatively, if you don't want to use natural world material, print the shape template on different coloured papers
- Print out the animal templates, modifying sizes as needed
- Prepare the room for a program that uses glue

Implementation

1. Optional: read parts of the book *Drawn from Nature* by Helen Ahpornsiri for inspiration, especially the note from the artist on page 59
2. Optional: as a group, watch the [YouTube video](#) of the author creating the illustrations for her book
3. Participants use the natural world material (or the shape templates) in creative ways to create one or more animals; participants can fill in the animal templates or sketch their own outlines prior to starting, or work without an outline
4. Participants can use scissors to trim material as desired

Book Suggestions

Drawn from Nature by Helen Ahpornsiri

A Season of Flowers by Michael Garland

The Wild Beast by Eric Walters

Wildflowers by Libby Romero

Images and Templates

Images from *Drawn from Nature*.













