



5-Minute Paper Slinky: Jungle Animals

How does this activity develop fine motor skills and encourage creativity?

As students are given the opportunity to decorate their jungle animals with different prints and patterns, they will be able to exercise creative expression and artistic development. Creativity fosters growth by providing ways to try out new ideas and the freedom to show feelings and emotions. Through the use of scissors and glue, students will develop fine motor skills by practicing precision and accuracy.

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Required Materials:

- Construction Paper (Item #46047)
- Crayons and Markers
- Scissors
- Glue (Item #31077)
- Free Printable Jungle Animal Face Template (Available on our Website!)



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1. Decorate

Have students use crayons and markers to decorate the construction paper with their choice of animal patterns. Encourage students to draw a range of different jungle-themed animal prints and designs.

2. Fold

Fold the decorated construction paper in half (hot dog style).

3. **Cut**

Ask students to cut five to six slits along the folded side of the construction paper. The slits should be approximately the length of the scissor blade and about an inch apart.

4. Glue

Unfold the now cut construction paper and apply glue along the length of one edge of the paper.

5. Create the Body

Create a tube with the construction paper by attaching the side without glue to the glue-covered edge.

6. Make the Face

Use the Jungle Animal Face Template as an outline for the animal heads. Encourage students to use a variety of designs when creating the face for their slinky animal.

7. Put It All Together

Attach the animal head by gluing the face and a blank piece on either side of the tube.





