

Animal Hands

Tyke (4-5 years)

What we are going to do:

Use your imagination to create an animal using your own handprint!



What you will need:

- paper
- any type of paint or pencil crayons, markers or crayons. Easer
- large and small brush (if using paint)
- cup of water (if using paint)

What you can also use:

- watercolour or painting paper

There are millions of different types of animals around the world. Animals live in the cold and hot weather and are all different shapes and sizes to survive in diverse climates. What is your favourite animal?

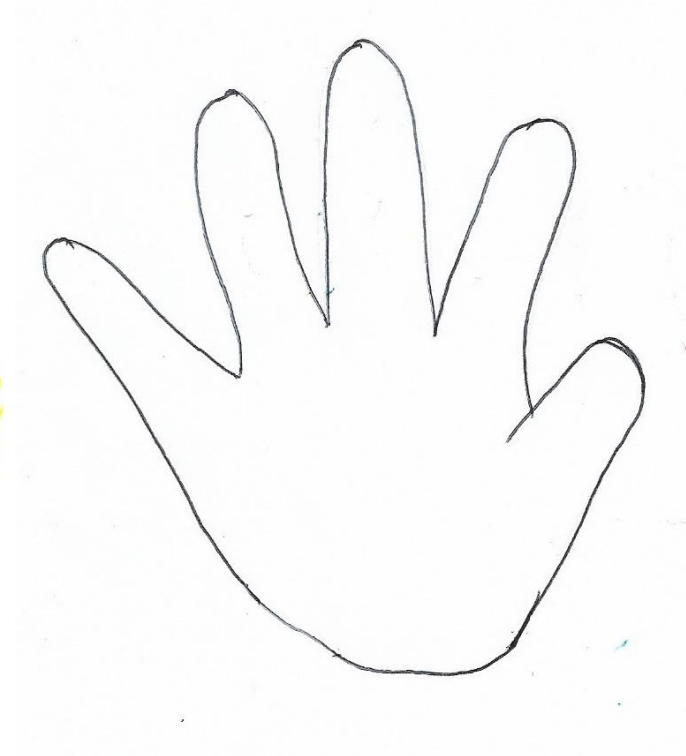
When you're creating your animal try to think of some of these questions. Is it hairy or slimy? Does it have scales or patterns? Is it big or small? What colour is the animal? What makes it different from other animals?



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MAKE YOUR HANDPRINT

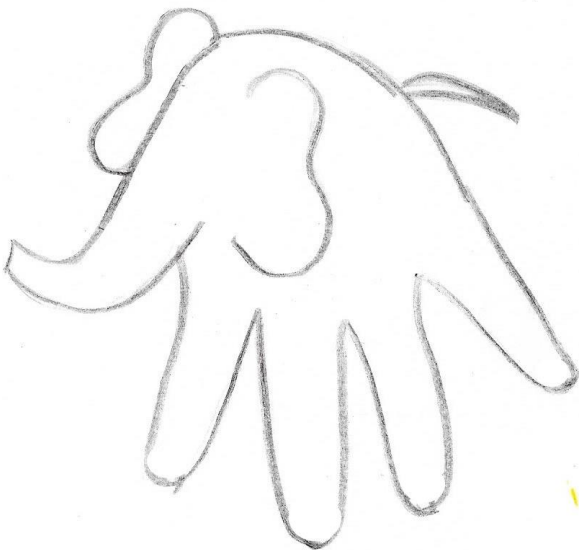
Take a piece of paper and decide where to place your handprint. Then choose what animal you would like to create so you can use a colour that works for your animal. If you are using paint, take a paintbrush and apply paint to your entire palm. Work quickly so the paint doesn't dry. Try multiple handprints so there are more options. If you are using dry media hold your hand on the paper and trace around your hand. Try using a pencil so you can erase any lines when adding on the other parts of the animal.



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ADD THE ANIMAL PARTS

You can rotate your handprint so that the fingers can become the legs and tail or flip your paper sideways so your handprint can become the body of the animal like a fish or chick. Using basic shapes like circles, triangles and squares add on the parts of the body, such as the head, neck and ears.



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ADD DETAILS

Now let's add the details on the animal. Add eyes, nose, whiskers, etc. Add some texture to make your animal look fluffy or smooth. Does your animal have a pattern, like cheetah or giraffe?

Add any extra colours that your animal may have on their body or special features that make them distinct. Be as creative as you want!

