

Animal Hide and Seek

Primary Audience: Elementary School

Description: Learners will create an animal to successfully hide in the room using the information they learn about camouflage.

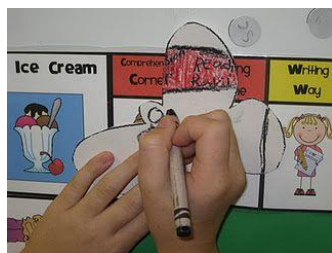
Introduction: Discuss what you know about adaptations and camouflage. Why would animals need these things? *Adaptation* is a process by which a species becomes better suited to its environment. *Camouflage* is an animals' natural coloring or form that enables it to blend in with its surroundings. This can enable the animal to hide from predators or sneak up on prey.

Materials will vary. Recommended:

- Paper
- Crayons, markers, and/or colored pencils
- Glue sticks
- Tape
- Scissors
- Odds and ends



Instructions: Look around the room and imagine how an animal could hide in this room using camouflage. Notice the colors and textures in the room, because you will want to have those on your animal. Then, use your supplies to create an animal to be camouflaged in the room! It can look like a real animal or one from your imagination. Once you have made your animal, place it in the room to see how well the camouflage works!



Extension: Make more than one animal, or have multiple household members each make their own animal. These animals can be camouflaged and hidden in different rooms. Throughout the day, see how long it takes to find each camouflaged animal!

Additional Resources: Learn more about camouflage and

see some pictures of camouflaged animals on [National Geographic](https://www.nationalgeographic.com). Reach out the [COSI Department of Science Content](#) if you have any questions or comments.

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