

STUFFED ANIMAL RESEARCH

Dear _____ and family

Do you have a favorite animal that lives in the wild, on a farm, or as a pet in your house? This book project is your chance to learn more! Read a nonfiction book about your chosen animal. You'll collect facts to help you design a stuffed-paper version of your animal, and then you will write a complete paragraph about the animal you chose.

GETTING STARTED:

You need two pieces of large paper, plastic bags or newspaper; paints; chalk or markers; a stapler; and the Animal Research pattern page.

MAKING YOUR PROJECT:

1. After reading a nonfiction book about an animal, complete the Animal Research pattern page. Use your information to sketch, and then draw, your animal on paper that measures at least 18" x 24". Add details such as facial features. Then cut out two copies of your picture. The decorated picture will be the front of your animal. The other cut-out will be the back.
2. Decide how to color or paint your animal to look real. You may want to use a black marker to add some fine details and shading.



3. Staple the lower edge and two sides of the animal cutouts. Stuff shredded newspaper or plastic bags into the pouch you have created. Use enough stuffing to add dimension, but be careful not to overstuff. Then, staple the upper edge to finish your animal.

4. Use the information on the Animal Research page to help you write a paragraph about your animal. Remember that all sentences begin with a capital letter and end with a punctuation mark. Revise and edit your answers with an adult.

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5. Write or type a clean copy of your paragraph. Add a title and byline, written "by (your name)."

6. Bring your project to school by: _____.

SHARING YOUR STUFFED ANIMAL RESEARCH:

Use the information from your research to help our class learn more about your animal, its habits, and its home. Then, tell us about the animal's appearance while showing your stuffed animal.

