



## Animal Shadow Art

Give a new dimension to toy play! With just a few materials, you can imagine and explore the land in which your favourite creatures roam.

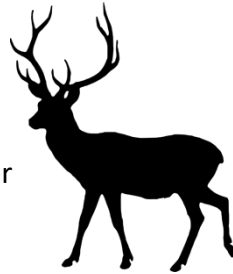
### Safety:



- Sun protection (sunscreen, hat, sunglasses, long clothing) and hydration (water breaks)
- Footwear (depending on environment)
- Hygiene – wash hands thoroughly before and after activity
- Supervision with tape/glue
- Insect repellent if needed
- Allergies to insect stings/bites? Medication on hand

### Materials:

- Blanket/towel
- Several pieces of A4 paper
- Glue or sticky tape
- Pencils/crayons/pencils
- Your favourite animal toys (can you find toys that fit with a theme – e.g. dinosaurs, African animals, Australian animals, sea creatures, etc)



### Activity:

- Have your parents help you to glue or tape pieces of paper together, lengthwise.
- Set up on a flat location in the sun outside (if needed, lay a towel or blanket down to sit on).
- Place the paper strip on the ground and set up your chosen toys along one edge so their shadows fall onto the paper. Think about what order you want to place your toys in. What story do you want your picture to tell?
- Trace the outline of each shadow with pens, pencils or crayons.
- Once you are finished tracing, pack away your toys



### Extension:

- Before you add more to your artwork, close your eyes and picture yourself standing amongst these animals. Consider the following questions. What does the **habitat** (home) of my animals look like? What other **living** features (e.g. plants and other animals) are around? What **non-living** features (e.g. rocks, water, soil type) are there? What does this **habitat** feel like (e.g. is it hot, cold, windy, humid, dry)?
- Discuss with your family how you could add these features into your artwork (e.g. what will you draw? Will there be any items you collect from outside to glue on?)
- Continue to draw, colour and decorate your artwork to create a beautiful **habitat** scene for your chosen animals.

