

Make a collection of 3D animals from stuff in your home

We're used to hanging out with you in person but instead we're staying home to keep each other safe. One of the ways we can hang out with people we don't live with is through our computers and phones. So, we're making animal sculptures & sharing them with our friends!

Gather Supplies

You need: scissors, cardboard (used cereal boxes work well!), pen, pencil, or marker. Download the Animal Patterns – Chipmunk, Fox, and Unicorn & print them out (single sided). We're starting with the **unicorn**. The **chipmunk & fox** are easier if you want to start there!

Optional: tape, glue, paint + paint brushes, crayons, markers, pastels, stickers, and old magazines for collage.

If you don't have glue at home, try making some with flour and water (equal parts). You can add food colouring to make different colours. You can also add food colouring to ordinary household glue to make paint. Here is a recipe that needs just a few extra ingredients:

<https://tinkerlab.com/salt-and-flour-paint/>.

If you don't have paint brushes, try Q-tips, Popsicle sticks, or your fingers!



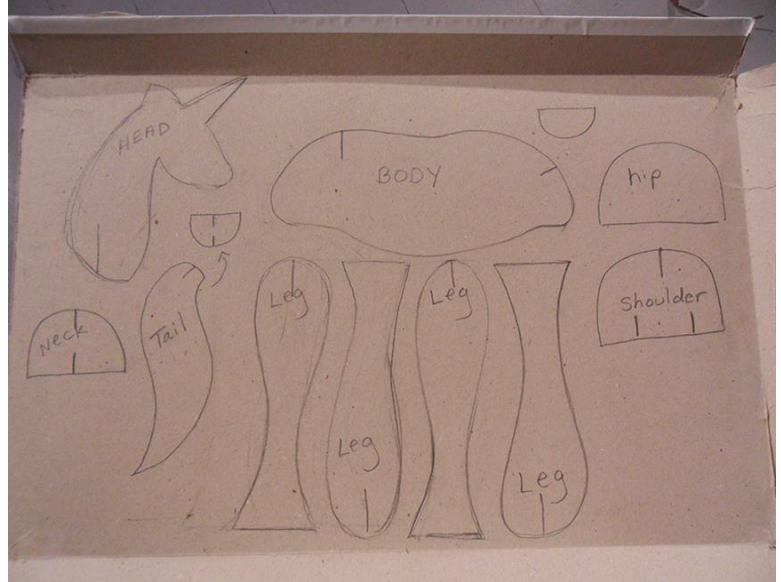
Instructions

If you have a printer:
Print the animal [pattern sheets](#).
We're starting with the Unicorn.

If you don't have a printer that's OK!
Try opening them on a screen &
having an adult help you trace them
with a crayon, grease marker, or soft
pencil (don't press too hard!). Check
out the patterns online & try to draw
your own!

Cut out the pattern pieces & trace
the shapes onto your cardboard.
Don't forget to do 4 legs!

Write the name of the body part on
the shape. It'll help when you're
putting it together 😊



Cut all the parts out.
If you're having difficulty cutting out
the shapes, ask a parent for help, or
try cutting them out in big, rough
shapes and trim them after.

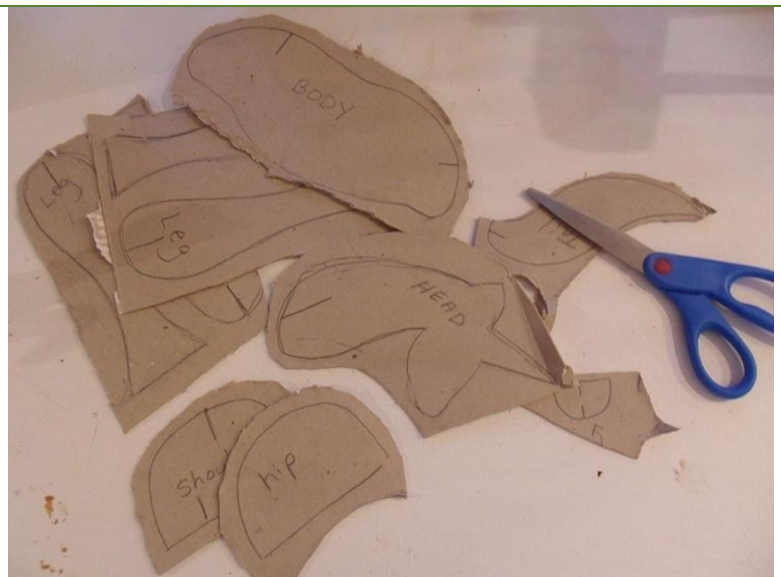
Cut along the slits – careful! Don't
cut too far.

Lay your pieces out & organize your
unicorn body.

OPTIONAL: You can choose to
decorate your animal pieces before
you put it together, but you have to
be careful. If you make it too wet,
thick, or cover the slits, it'll be difficult
to put your animal together. There
are some decorating ideas at the
bottom.

If you're finding it difficult to know
what to do – try putting it together
first and then take it apart again. You
can sketch details or get ideas 😊

You're the artist!



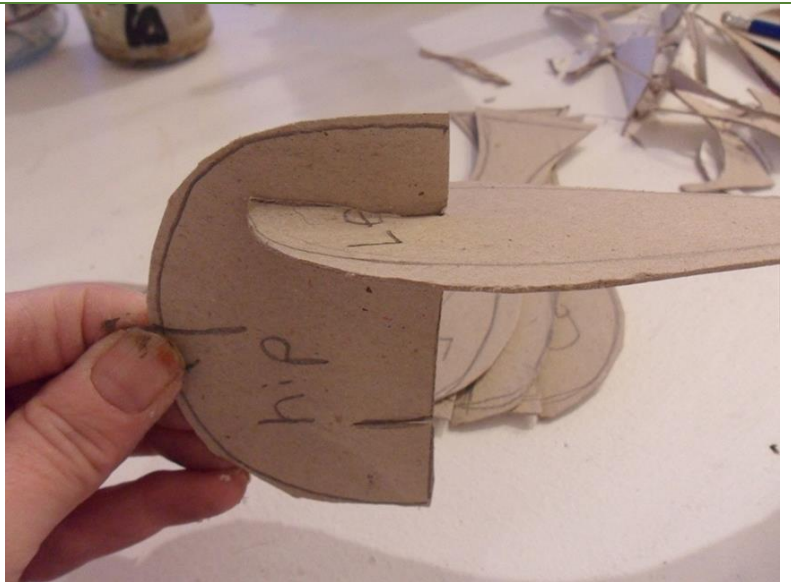
Start with the legs, one at a time.

Slide one leg into the hip joint. These will be the back legs.

It can be tricky so take your time.

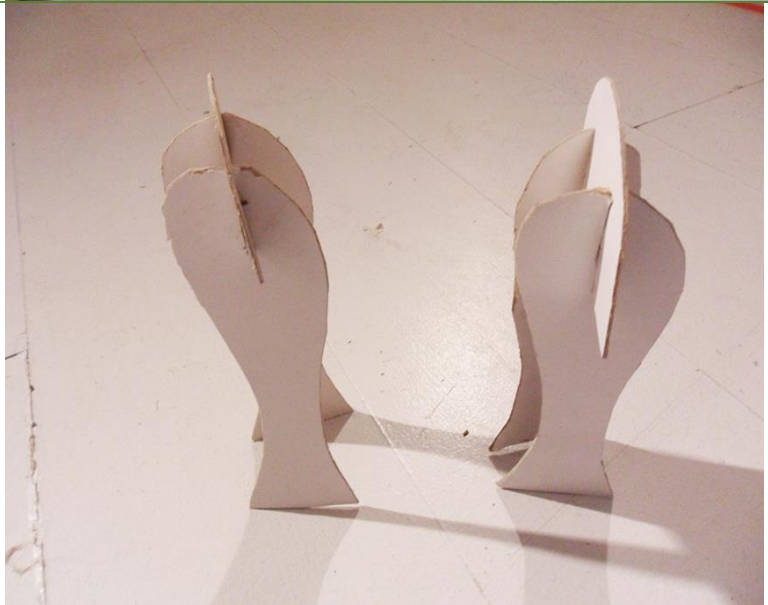
Do the second one.

Stand up the two legs. If it's wobbly try moving the legs around to make them even.



Slide the two other legs into the shoulder piece. These will be your front legs.

Stand them up & get ready to add your unicorn's body!



Attach the body to the shoulder and hip by sliding the body slits into the hip joints slits.

If some of these are wobbly, try using a bit of tape to help hold it together.



Next, slide the neck into the head slit. Then, slide the neck into the body.

Last, add the tail. There are two tail parts – put the small one on the body & then attach the tail to the tail joint.

Enjoy! You did it!



NEXT: decorate your animal however you wish

Here are some ideas:

Painting: You can paint your animal assembled or in pieces. Try not to get your pieces too wet or it'll have trouble standing. Just add a little at a time 😊

Collage: Cut out shapes or pictures from scrap magazines, flyers or other available papers. Take your time and think about the shapes, textures and colours you might want to use. For example, you could use shiny black paper for the hooves, or purple streaks in the mane, and stars for the head and body. Use glue or flour-paste on to the animal body and stick paper shapes on. You can also use tape or whatever you've got!



Drawing: Markers, crayons, pastels, and or coloured pencils are great for making detailed markings and patterns. You might want to make a sketch first to practice some ideas and create a design you love.

Is your animal lonely?

Try making the chipmunk & fox, or just make another unicorn!

Wish you had a horse instead?

Just remove the horn 😊

Share your animal sculptures with your artist friends. Start up a conversation online!

