

Imaginary Animals – Grades 2-5

How do animals blend in with their surroundings? Their coats and feathers help them survive. Use your imagination to imitate Mother Nature's handiwork. Draw an Imaginary Animal!



SUPPLIES NEEDED:
Marker and Watercolor Pad
Washable Markers

DIRECTIONS

Most creatures can be identified by their distinctive patterns, markings, or colors. There is no mistaking a zebra for a horse. Invite students to find out why snakes, birds, animals, fish, and insects have distinct markings. Share information with classmates. Then use your imagination to create a uniquely patterned animal.

Using Crayola® Color Switchers™ Markers or Washable Markers, students create the most colorful creatures they can dream up. Encourage students to place their animals in pretend settings.

Start by filling in the background and larger shapes of the picture.

Flip the Color Switcher Marker (or change the color of a Washable Marker) and apply the special color switcher to create interesting patterns and details. Experiment with overlapping colors and different combinations for dramatic effects. How well is the creature hidden among its surroundings?

Students discuss with classmates how they created the camouflage for their animals.