

Camouflage

The natural world is remarkable in many ways. A huge number of creatures have developed an amazing variety of camouflage as their defence against predators. Even large animals can disappear into the landscape. Humans have also designed methods to disguise themselves including soldiers, detectives and make-up artists.

Materials:

- Paper (Watercolour / coloured/ photocopy)
- Pastels
- Paint (watercolour/ acrylic)
- Pencils (coloured/drawing)
- Felt-tip pens
- Sponges
- Kitchen salt – small amount
- Kitchen paper
- Glue
- Scissors
- Collage material

Activity 1 - Wax resist

You will need 2 pieces of A4 paper. On each one draw 6 small square boxes. Use a ruler to make sure that you end up with 12 boxes the same size.

Work with both sheets at the same time. In each square use pastels to make patterns and marks. Fill in the blank spaces

with lovely deep colours in watercolour paint. When you add the watercolour paint you can sprinkle on a little salt to give a mottled effect. Use a different colour scheme for each of the 6 boxes on each page. Working this way you should end up with two boxes for each colour scheme – one on each sheet of paper.

When they are dry, take one sheet and cut out the boxes. On each box draw a creature. Cut this animal out and glue it onto the matching square from the other sheet so that it is camouflaged.



You could try and produce the same effect using different processes.

Sponge –
paint your
squares
using acrylic
or
watercolour
paints and a
sponge.

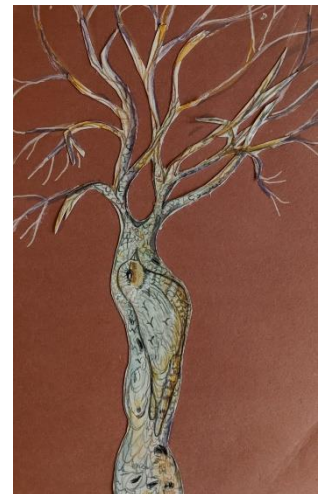
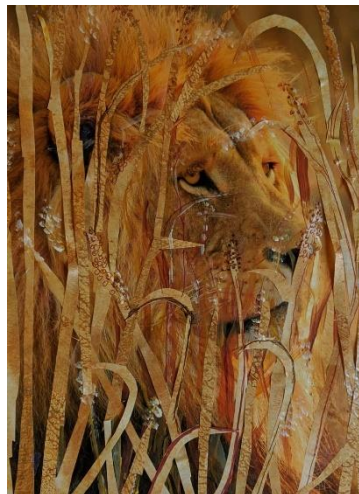


Foliage - you could
cover your whole A4
sheet with foliage
using paint and felt
pens. Then add
creatures to blend in
with background.



Activity 2 - Collage Challenge

Using your own design, or a
cut out picture, make it
disappear into a background.



Activity 3 - Fun with make up

Using your imagination to change a face. Either cut out an image of a face or
draw a simple outline of a face. Pretend you are a makeup artist and design a
wonderful transformation using pastels, paint and felt-tip pens. Or experiment
with a mixture of materials. Have fun!

