

G U P P Y G R O O U P i
ANIMALS AND TEXTURE



Storytime!

Welcome to Part 1 of your at-home Guppy Group activity!

- Start by telling your Guppies that you will be reading a book together. This book is about Animals and how unique they all are.

Here are some questions to ask your Guppy.

What are your favorite animal?

Where do you see them?

If you could touch them what would they feel like?

What are some things that are those shapes?

What do you see in this room that might feel like that?

- After this introductory discussion, read *Hello Hello* by *Brendan Wenzel* with your Guppy. If you don't have this book on hand, you can watch this version on YouTube:

tinyurl.com/GuppyAnimal Remember to stop on every page and ask your Guppy inquiry questions.

Another fun book to read is *Feathers and Hair, What Animals Wear* by *Jennifer Ward* tinyurl.com/AnimalsWear

Follow their train of thought & try not to give them yes or no questions.

Here are some sample questions you could ask.

What do you notice?

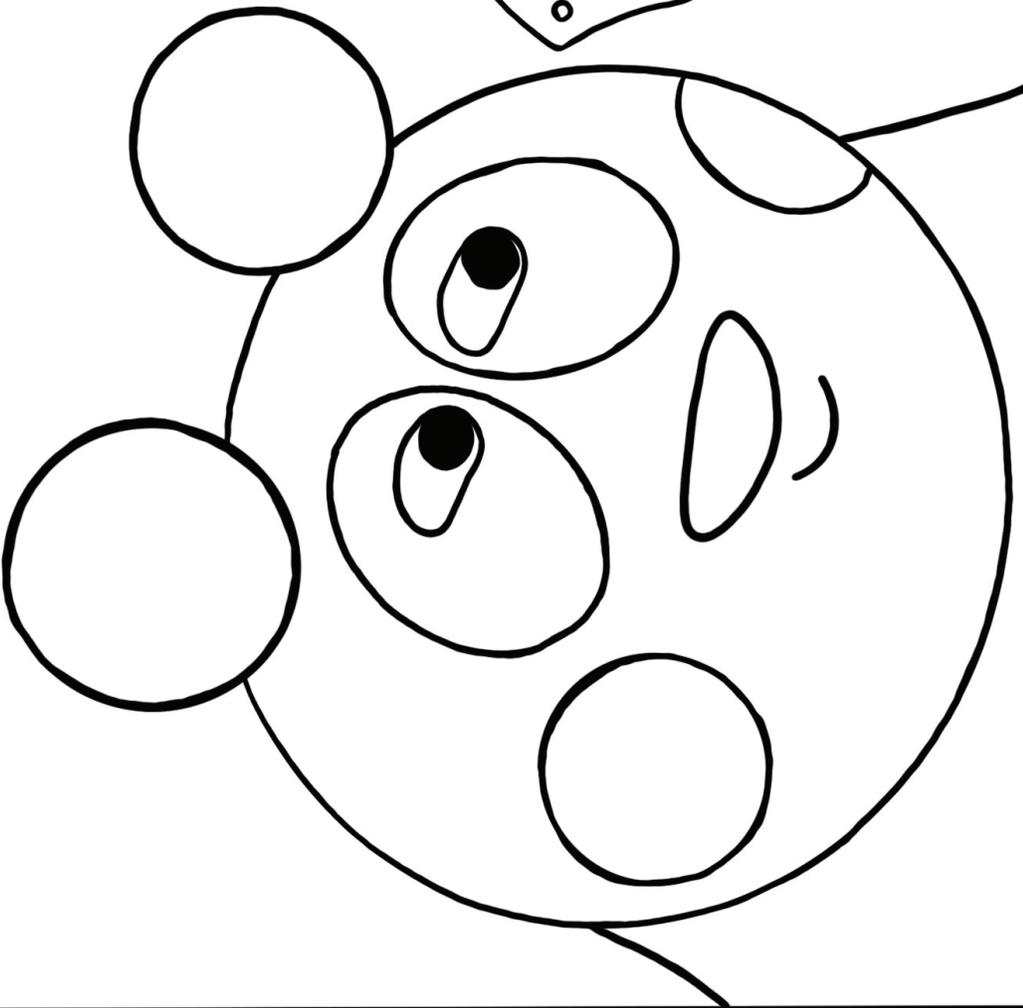
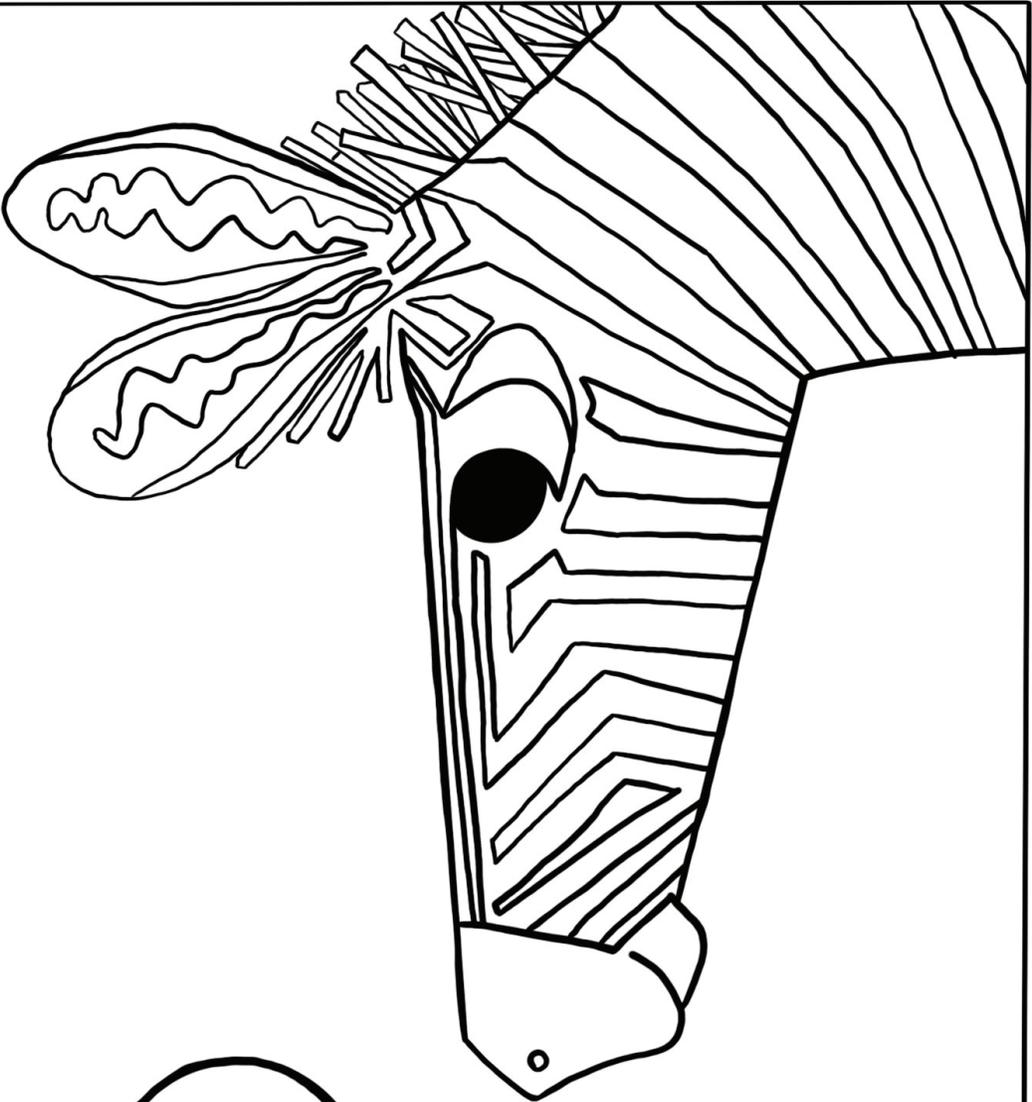
Where do you see stripes?

How many legs do they have?

What do you wonder?

What else has wings?

-If you are able to print, the following coloring page is available for you to complete with your Guppy or just allow your Guppy a chance to explore color mixing and mark making.



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HHEH HHEH

Mystery Bag!

This section will be patterned after the Mystery Bag Station at the in person Guppy Group at the Museum.

-You can use any type of bag for this activity. Look through your house to find various objects with different textures as well as plastic animal toys if you have them. Place them in your mystery bag.

-Give your Guppy the opportunity to pull one object at a time out of the mystery bag.

-Talk about each object with your Guppy.

Here are some questions you could ask.

-What animal is it?

-Which of these animals do you like? Why or why not?

-What do these animals make you think of?

-Make up a story with them?

-What animal does this feel like?

-What else feels like this?

Art Making

The main objective for this activity is to experiment with pipecleaners to make animal sculptures.

-For this art project, you will need: pipecleaners, scissors or wire cutter & googly eyes (optional)

-Coil, bend and shape pipecleaners to make a body, head, legs, tail and/or arms

-Encourage your Guppy to use their imagination.



Art Connection!

Time to spy all the animals you saw today. Count how many you can find.

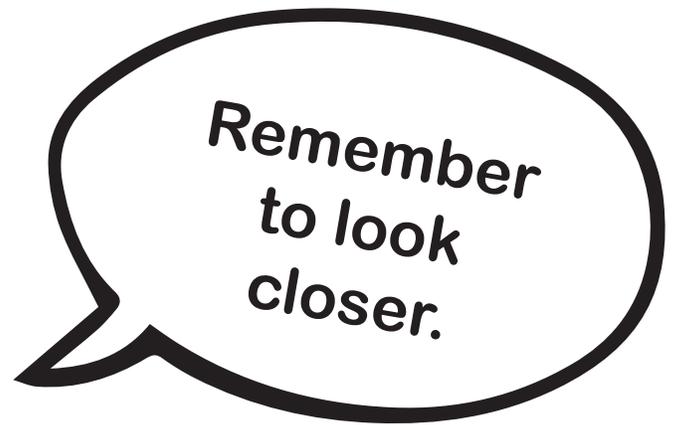
-Begin this section by reviewing what you learned about with your Guppy.

-What animals did you see?

-What textures did you feel?

-Then explain that you will now talk about animals and texture in art.

- With your Guppy, go through the following images from the Museum's permanent collection. Work together with your Guppy to find different animals in each image, and talk about how they might feel, sound or what they are doing. How do the animals make you feel when you look at the artwork? Which animals do you notice the most? Why did you think the artist chose the animals they did?





Fantasies of the Sea
by James Calvin Christensen (1942 - 2017)
1985
acrylic on board



Circle of Friends
Kaziah May (The Goat Woman) Hancock (1948 -)
1999
oil on canvas



Seagulls on Utah Lake or "The Gulls"
Philip Henry Barkdull (1888 - 1968)
1930
oil on canvas



The Rhinoceros
James Calvin Christensen (1942 - 2017)
1981
acrylic on board



Guest
Silvia Liz Davis (1957 -)
1994
Wood



Feeding the Chickens
Antonina Aleksandrovna Dolinina (1925 - 2004)
1965
oil on canvas

The Guppy Song!

If you've brought your little ones along to Guppy Group before, chances are they might remember the Guppy Group song. If you'd like to sing it together, the words are included below. Sing along to this tune:

<https://tinyurl.com/guppy-tune>

One little Guppy
Swimming in the water,
Swimming in the water,
Swimming in the water
One little Guppy
Swimming in the water
Bubble, Bubble, Bubble, Bubble
POP!

(If you remember the associated hand motions, feel free to do those as well! Make sure to clap your hands together for the POP! Carry on to the next verse for as many numbers as you'd like.)

Thanks for participating! We hope you and your Guppy enjoyed learning about animals with us! Keep an eye out for next month's at-home Guppy Group Packet, where you can explore seasons & space with your Guppy.

