

Summer Mission:

Camouflage Creatures

Animals that live in the jungle need to be good at hiding so they can protect themselves from danger. The jungle is their habitat – the place where they live, eat and find everything they need to survive. When an animal is so good at hiding in their habitat that they become really hard to spot – this is called camouflage.

In fact, animals are so good at camouflage, we have copied them! During the Second World War, soldiers travelling to warm climates were given a beige 'tropical' uniform. This proved difficult to blend in with the dark leaves and vines of the jungle, so they started to dye it a dark green, making them harder to spot amongst the thick trees and plants.

How to make your own Camouflaged Creature:

1. Think about the animals you might find in the jungle. During the Second World War, when fighting in places such as Myanmar (Burma) soldiers may have come across frogs, snakes, crocodiles, rhinos and big cats like panthers, tigers and leopards.

Disruptive colouration

Some animals have a 'splotchy' pattern on their skin, this helps to disguise the shape of their body and blend into the background.



Disruptive colouration

Counter shadowing

Some animals have lighter bellies, which helps hide shadows created by the sun. This helps them to appear flat and hidden against the surface they are on.



Counter shadowing

2. Draw your own jungle creature or cut out and colour one of our templates.

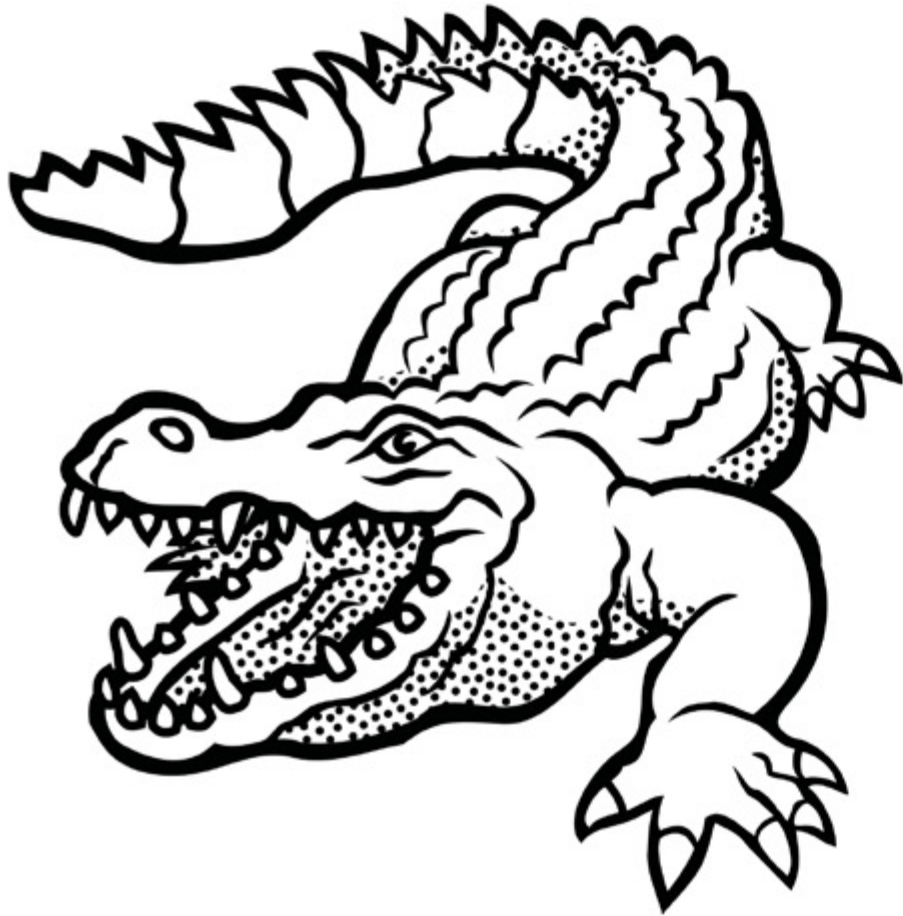


3. Once you have your creature – how can you disguise it? What can you use to create a background it will blend into? Could you decorate a piece of paper in similar colours? Or could you find something at home – could it disappear amongst some leaves in the garden? Or against your wallpaper?

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