



Craft
Ages 9–12
15–20 minutes

Animal Colouring and Poetry Sheets

Description

Colour images by Indigenous artists and write poetry

Space Considerations

Any space where participants can be seated to do a craft

Competencies

- Artistic expression
- Creative expression
- Understanding and appreciation of animals
- Written communication skills

Materials

- Crayons, pencil crayons or markers
- Double-sided printouts of the [animal colouring and poetry sheets](#), with the colouring sheet on one side and the poetry prompt on the other

Implementation

1. Print out the [animal colouring and poetry sheets](#) double-sided. You can use the sheets during a program or have them available at your library for passive programming for kids to complete at any time.
2. During a program, you may wish to provide more context for these sheets. Consider reading this passage from [The Learning Circle: Classroom Activities on First Nations in Canada](#).

“Crucial to the traditional world view of many First Nations is their belief that human beings are connected in the circle of life with all other species, and that each species has its own set of special knowledge and skills enabling it to live in the world. In some First Nations legends, the skills and knowledge of human beings did

not compare to those of the animals—humans could never possess the strength of a bear, the speed of deer, the intelligence of a wolf or the sight of an eagle.”

Accessibility Considerations

- Offer kids a variety of instruments to colour their image, and encourage them to choose what they feel most comfortable with
- Give kids the chance to recite their poems verbally if desired, rather than writing them down
- If available, offer participants an accessible computer space (equipped with screen-reading and screen-enlargement features) with a mouse and a larger screen, so they can write their poem on the computer instead of writing it down on paper

Book Suggestions

Magical Beings of Haida Gwaii by Terri-Lynn Williams-Davidson, Sara Florence Davidson, Alyssa Koski and Judy Hilgemann

Meet Your Family = Gikenim Giniigi'igoog by David Bouchard and Kristy Cameron

On the Trapline by David A. Robertson and Julie Flett

Download Links

[Animal colouring and poetry sheets](#)

- **Note:** The pages were taken with permission from the [First Nations Health and Wellness Colouring Book](#).