



Craft
Ages 6–8
45–60 minutes

Textured Dinosaur

Description

Cut out a picture of a dinosaur and use bookshelves, walls, nature and more as textures for the animal's body. Take a walk and see what kind of textured animals you can create. You can even make your own! If you have access to a smartphone or camera, you can take photos of your creation!

The activity worksheet can be used for passive programming.

Number of Participants

For any number of participants

Space Considerations

An indoor space where participants can be seated to do a craft

Competencies

- Artistic expression
- Creative and imaginative thinking
- Creative expression
- Development of fine motor skills
- Eye-hand coordination

Materials

- Dinosaurs in Nature Templates
- Card stock
- Scissors (adults should assist)
- White paper
- Crayons or pencil crayons
- Smartphone or camera (optional)
- A book truck with two shelves full of children's books to use as a backdrop (optional)

Preparation

- Print and distribute the Dinosaurs in Nature Templates

Implementation

1. Provide each participant with a white piece of paper to decorate for their first texture background
2. Distribute dinosaur templates to participants, who will cut the dinosaur out without cutting the surrounding paper
3. Participant will hold the animal cutout over their decorated sheet of paper to see their first textured animal
4. Then, they walk around finding other textures for their animal
5. If they have a smartphone or camera they can take a photo of it, like in the examples below (optional)
6. Participants are encouraged to create textured dinosaurs using
 - their decorated sheet of paper
 - favourite book shelf
 - a wall, carpet or floor
 - something in nature
 - their own clothes

Accessibility Considerations

- Offer participants a variety of instruments to colour their image, and encourage them to choose what they feel most comfortable with
- Offer a variety of crafting materials for participants to use to create a textured background
- Offer participants the choice of a blank sheet of paper or a template
- Offer participants pre-cut templates and have them focus on decorating their textured sheet
- Dinosaur templates have varying difficulties
- Offer easy-grip scissors
- Let participants know they can do as much as they want during the program and take the activity home
- Create a book display that will inspire and help kids with the activity

Book Suggestions

The Fossil Whisperer: How Wendy Sloboda Discovered a Dinosaur by Helaine Becker and Sandra Dumais

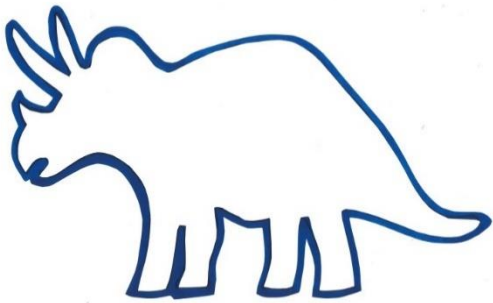
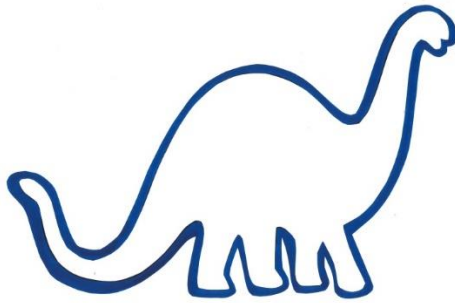
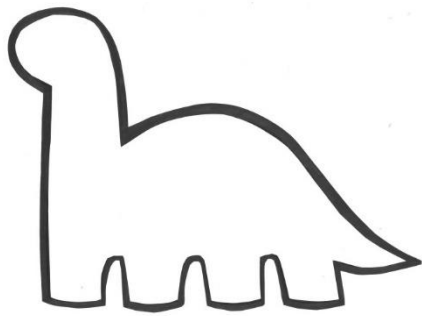
That's No Dino! Or is it?: What Makes a Dinosaur a Dinosaur by Helaine Becker and Marie-Ève Tremblay

Why Does My Shadow Follow Me?: More Science Questions from Real Kids by Kira Vermond and Suharu Ogawa

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TEXTURED DINOSAUR EXAMPLES



pencil crayons



plaid shirt



umbrellas



brick wall



graphic novels shelf



picture book shelf



wooden closet door



winter hat