

Zoo-mazing Adventures!

Let's dive into the fascinating world of animal adaptations. We will explore their movement, coverings, defenses, habitats, and senses.

Defenses

Animals defend themselves in many ways. They might growl, scratch, hide, or even use tricks to defend themselves. If you could have any defense what would it be?

Animal Decoy: The decoy spider creates a “self portrait” to trick predators into eating the fake spider instead of eating the spider itself. Decoy spiders collect materials like small pieces of leaves and whatever is left over from their food (exoskeletons of flies mostly) and place it in their web to make it look like a spider larger than itself – a perfect trick for a hungry bird!

Materials:

- Paper (you can use the template or just a blank piece of paper)
- Template (optional, found on second page)
- Drawing materials
- Reused materials (pieces of junk mail, nature items found outside, scraps of fabric, etc.)

Directions:

1. Think up an imaginary animal. Decide why it would need a decoy. Use drawing materials to draw your animal. Give it a fun or silly species name.
2. Use the other side of the page to create a decoy that the animal could use to keep itself safe. Don't draw the decoy, just use the reused materials like the decoy spider does. What is the decoy made of (this can be the actual materials you are using, or you can pretend your materials are something else)? How does your animal use its decoy?

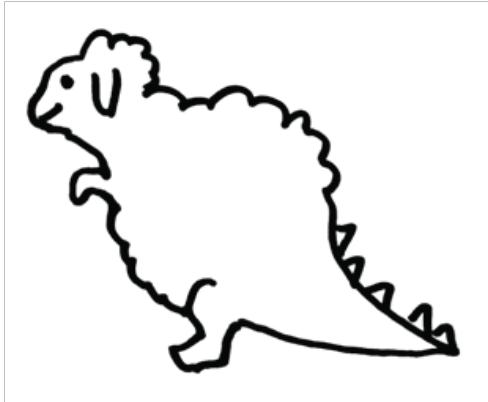
Here is my example:

This is my decoy animal.

Its species name is:

Woolyzilla.

My animal needs a decoy to survive because: It has the fluffiest fur that it needs to survive in the cold but all the other animals want to take its fur.



This is my decoy.

It uses: fluffy seeds and flower petals.

This is how my animal uses their decoy: It sets up the decoy outside of its burrow. The other animals scoop up the fluffy materials and my animal can sleep safely.



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This is the template for you:

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This is my decoy.
It uses: _____
This is how my animal uses their decoy: _____