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With **The NOCTURNALS**

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- Animal Mask Craft
- Coloring Pages

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- Habitat Research Graphic Organizer
- 3D Habitat Coloring Page

Book Club Questions:

- *The Mysterious Abductions*
Discussion Questions

Word Games:

- Meet The Nocturnals Crossword
- Nighttime Adventure
Word Search
- Fill in the Story Game
- Surprise Word Scramble



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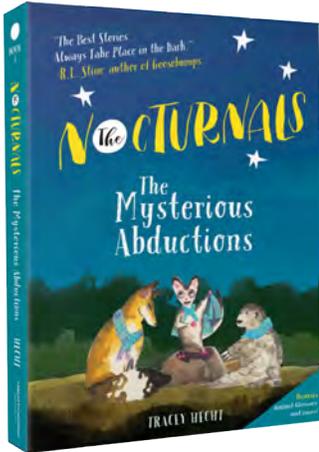
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THE MYSTERIOUS ABDUCTIONS BOOK CLUB QUESTIONS



1. Dawn, Bismark, and Tobin make up a team, the Nocturnal Brigade. How did the Brigade meet? What qualities do each of those three characters possess that help make them work so well together? Do they have qualities that might hurt the team?
2. The book takes place at night and all of the characters are nocturnal. Can you think of reasons it might be good for animals to be awake at night? Can you think of characteristics in Dawn, the fox, Bismark, the sugar glider and Tobin, the pangolin that are important to their nighttime survival?
3. If you were to pick one character from *The Mysterious Abductions* who is the most like you, who would it be and why? Who is the most unlike you and why? Which character from the book would you most want as your friend and why?
4. What are your favorite locations in the book and why? If you could visit the world of The Nocturnal Brigade, which things from the book would you most want to see? Where do you think these animals might live in the real world?
5. Bismark is an outspoken character. He boasts about his own superior qualities and his affections for Dawn. Do you think Bismark is actually a confident character? If so, why? If no, why not?
6. Dawn is the leader of the Brigade. What does she do to bring the animals together as a team? What does she do when she meets Ciro, the coyote? How does she talk to Boris, the crocodile when she meets him? Do the animals respect her?
7. When Tobin first meets Cora, the wombat, Cora is afraid to speak. How does Tobin try to coax her out of her shyness? What things could you reveal about yourself that might make someone in your life feel less shy around you?
8. Why don't Dawn and Bismark trust Jerry, the jerboa? What does he do to the Brigade that makes them worry about his character? Does he redeem himself in the book?
9. Bismark speaks many languages, as do the bats. What languages are in the book? Are you able to give examples of phrases in any of these languages? Can you come up with some new phrases that Bismark might say? Can you come up with some that the bats might say?
10. Explain the rules of NOC HOC. Which animals are used as equipment in the game? Discuss the actions of the offense and defense.
11. What happens to Boris in the final scenes of *The Mysterious Abductions*? What are the other characters' responses to his actions? How would you have handled Boris?
12. What things in the book would you have done like the Brigade? What things would you have done differently?
13. Discuss the meaning of poaching and endangered species in the wild. Are any of the animals endangered species? Why is poaching wrong? How do both affect the environment?

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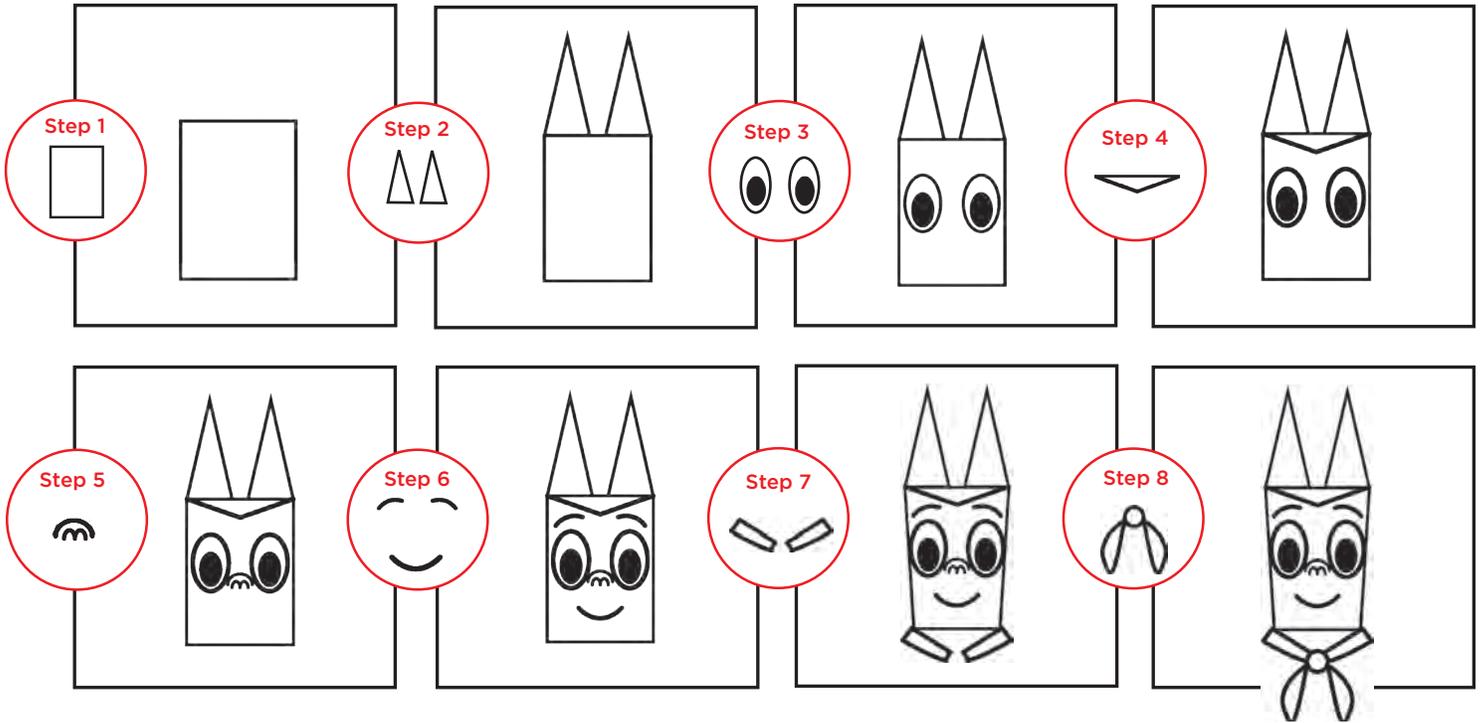


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Bismark the Sugar Glider



Watch illustrator Josie Yee draw Bismark step by step!
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Now You Try!



Once you can draw Bismark's happy face, try changing his mouth, eyes, and eyebrows to get different emotions. Look at your face in a mirror to see how it changes when you're excited, when you're sad, and when you're mad. What other emotions can you help Bismark feel?



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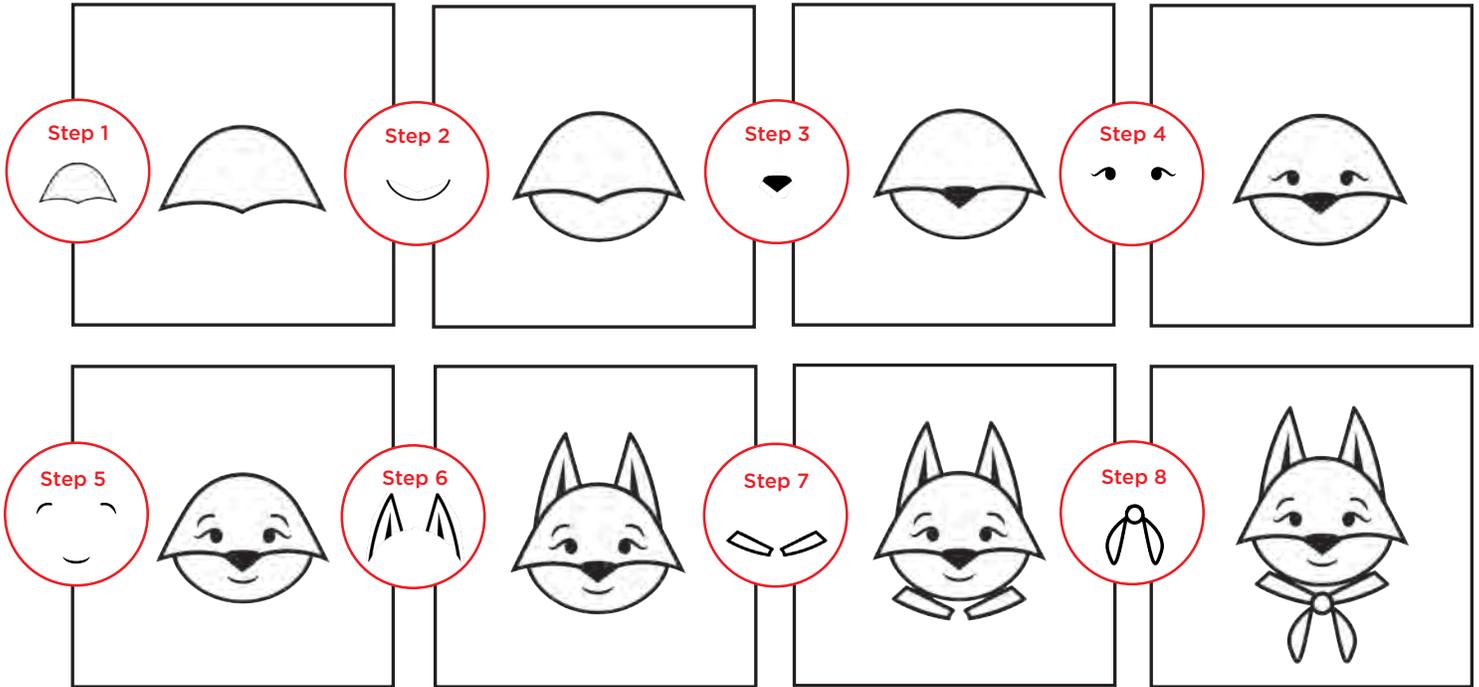


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Dawn the Fox



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Now You Try!



Once you can draw Dawn's happy face, try changing her mouth, eyes, and eyebrows to get different emotions. Look at your face in a mirror to see how it changes when you're excited, when you're sad, and when you're mad. What other emotions can you help Dawn feel?



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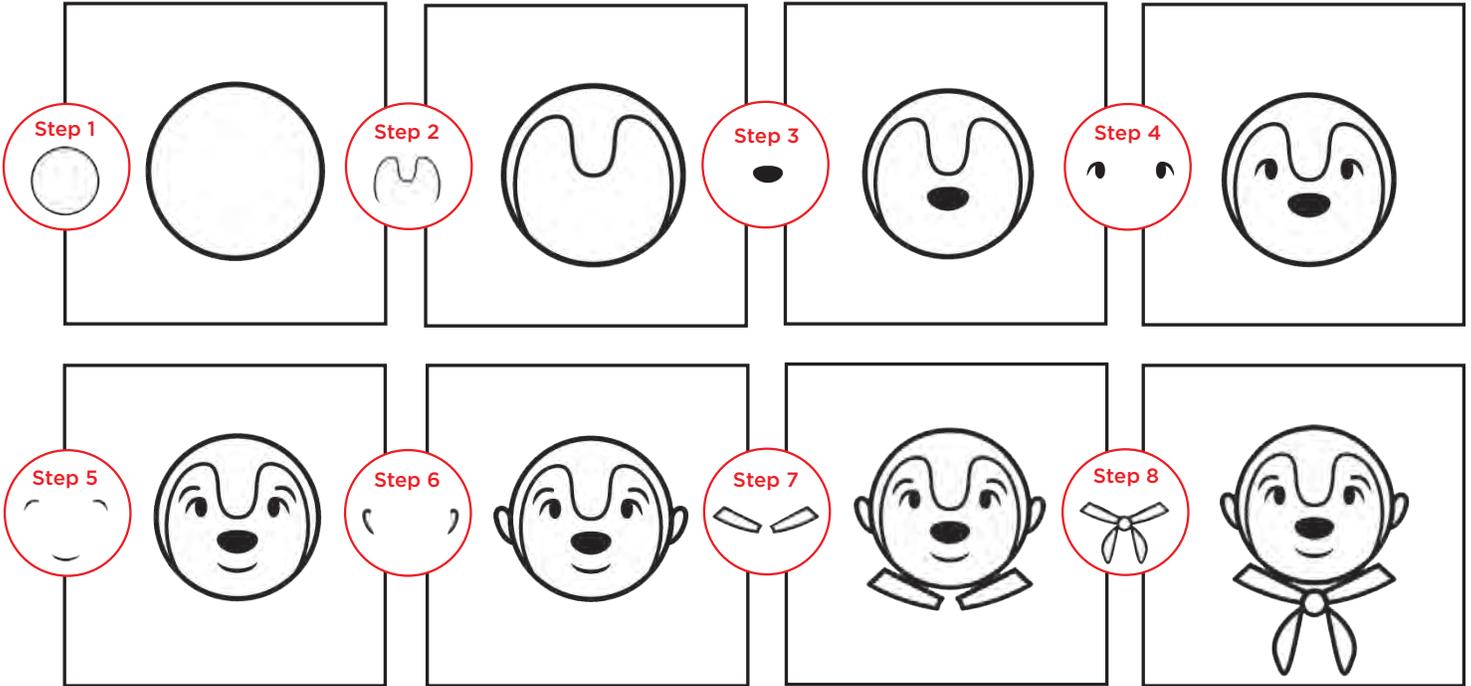


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Tobin the Pangolin



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Once you can draw Tobin's happy face, try changing his mouth, eyes, and eyebrows to get different emotions. Look at your face in a mirror to see how it changes when you're excited, when you're sad, and when you're mad. What other emotions can you help Tobin feel?



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NOCTURNALS DAWN THE FOX MASK



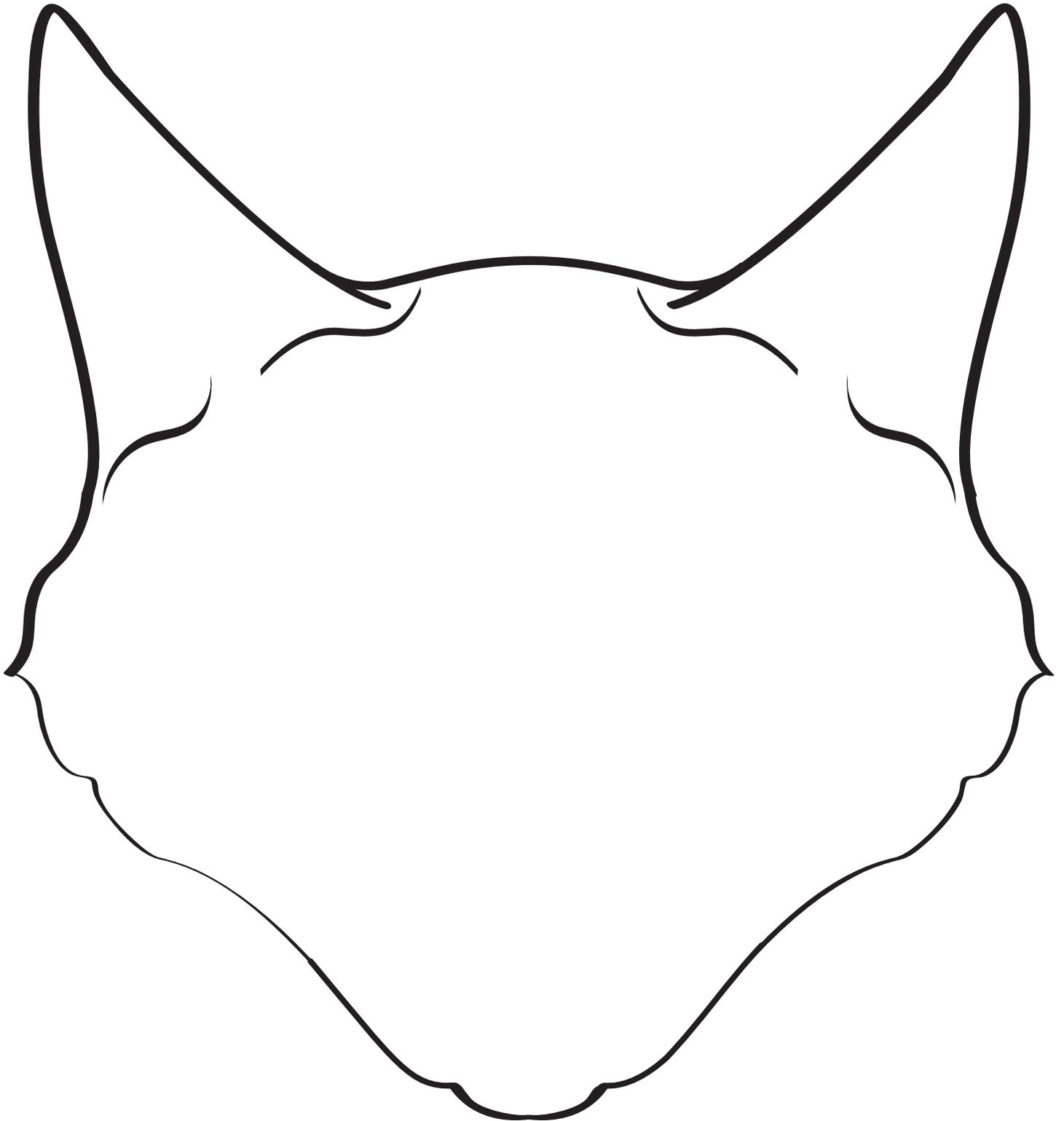
Materials & Instructions:

1. Color mask with crayons.
2. Cut out eye holes and face with scissors.
3. Tape a wooden craft stick to the back.





NOCTURNALS DAWN THE FOX MASK



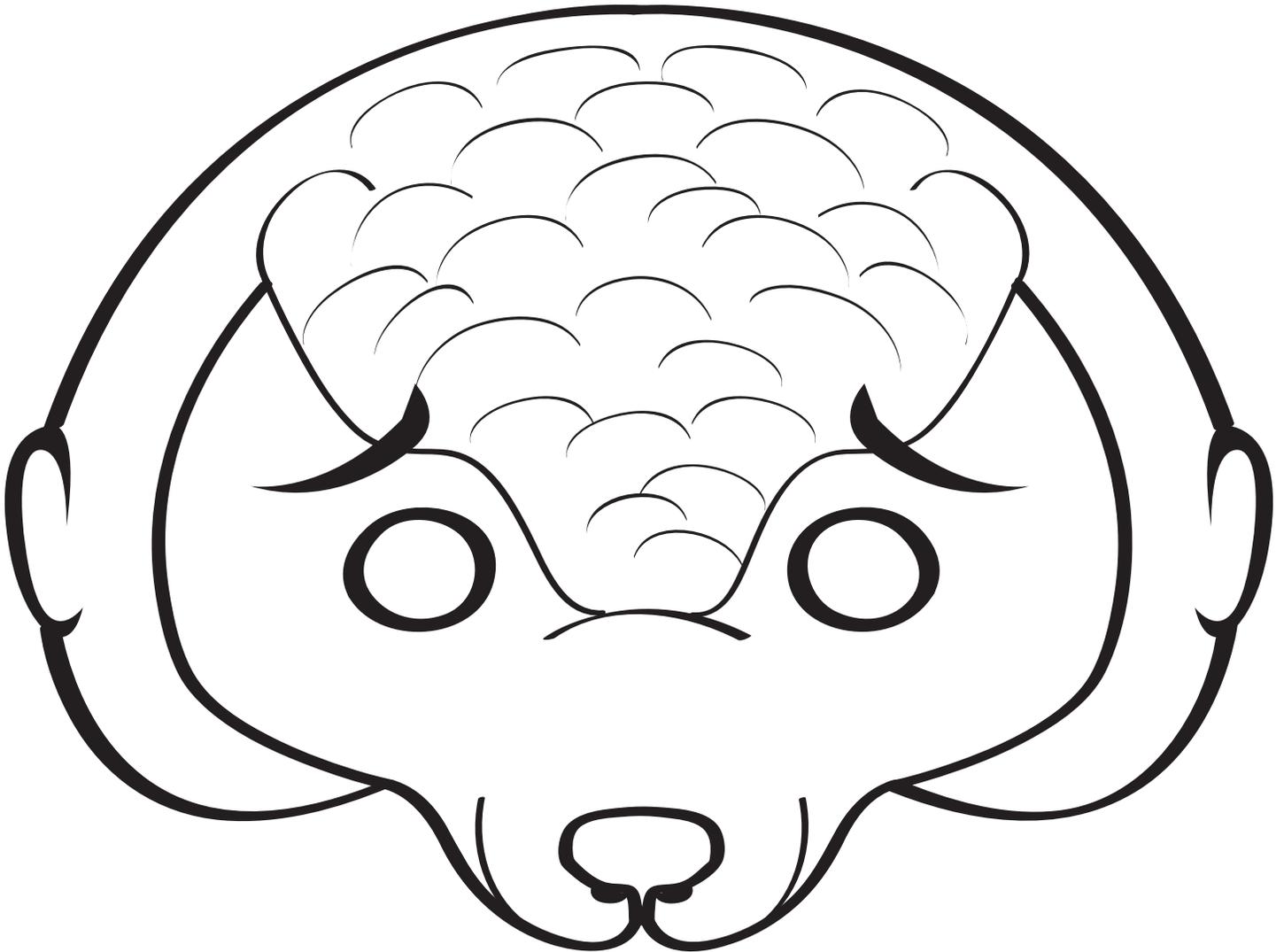


NOCTURNALS TOBIN THE PANGOLIN MASK

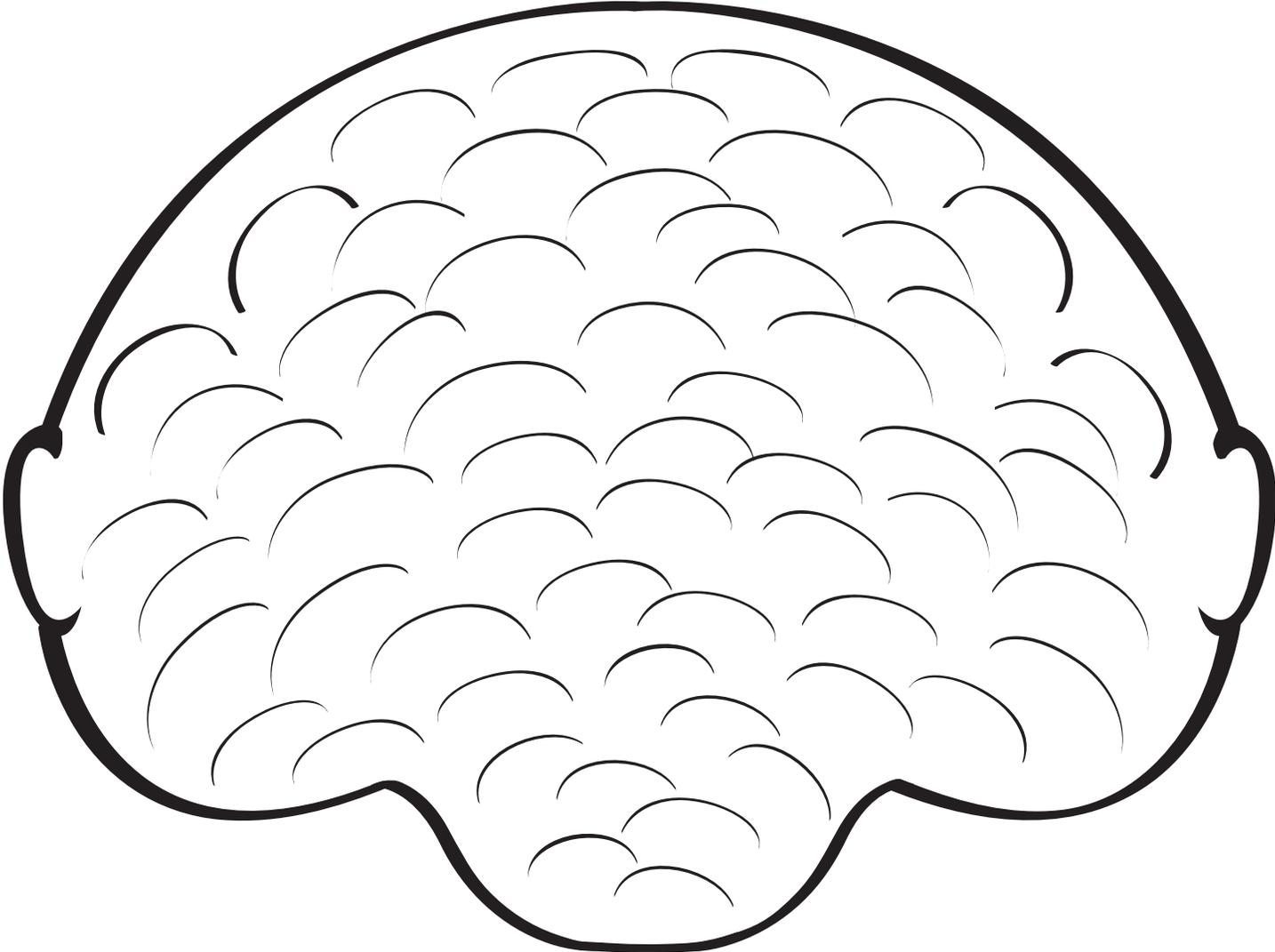


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3. Tape a wooden craft stick to the back.



★ NOCTURNALS TOBIN THE PANGOLIN MASK ★



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NOCTURNALS BISMARK THE SUGAR GLIDER MASK

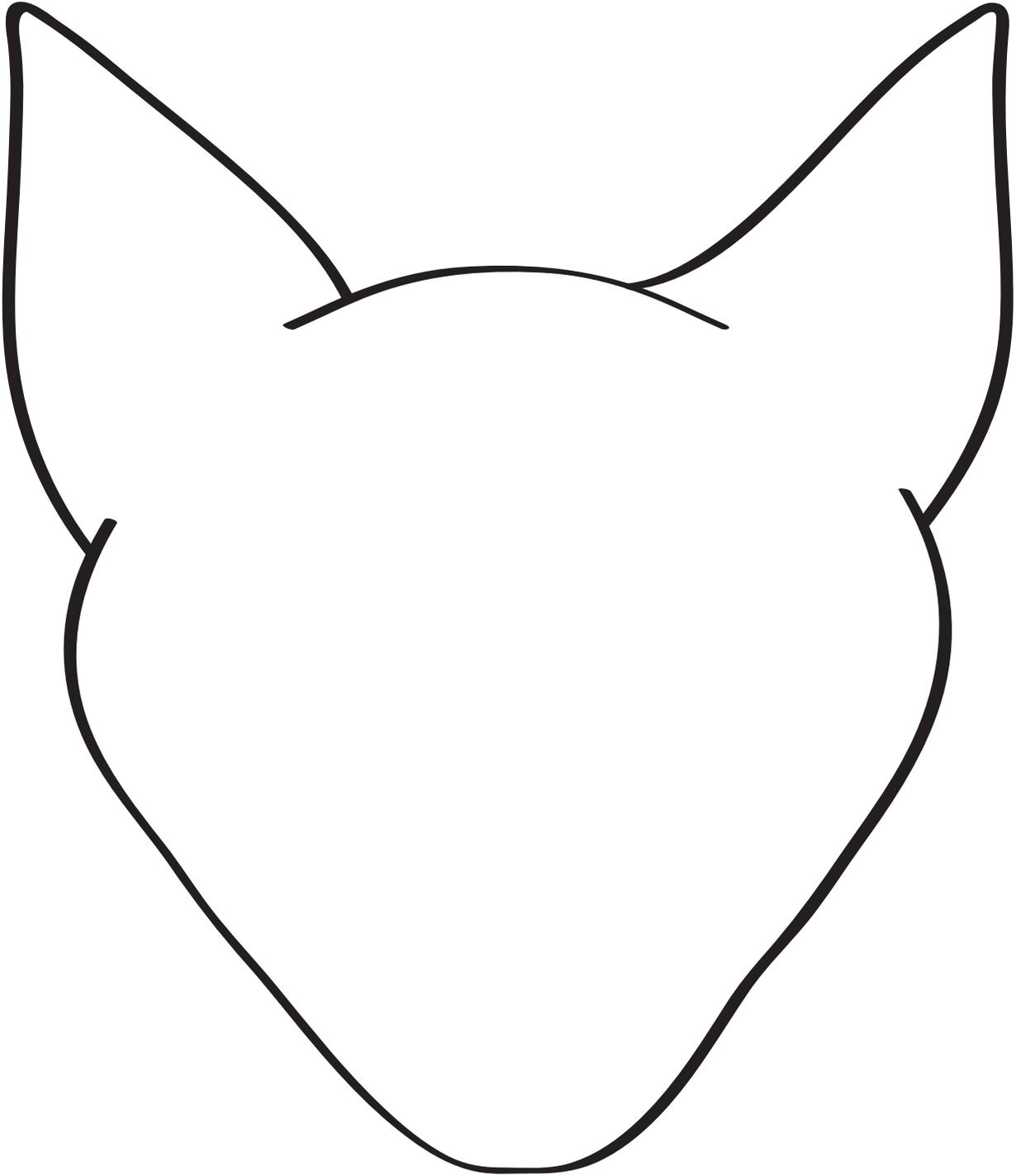


Materials & Instructions:

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2. Cut out eye holes and face with scissors.
3. Tape a wooden craft stick to the back.



★ NOCTURNALS *The* BISMARK THE SUGAR GLIDER MASK ★



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HABITAT RESEARCH

HABITAT A habitat is the environment where a plant or an animal lives. All creatures like to live in a natural home, or habitat, that provides the resources they need to survive: air, food, water, shelter, and space.

DIRECTIONS Pick an animal and use this worksheet to guide your research on its habitat. Record your findings by writing notes and drawing pictures in the spaces below. Word banks are provided to help you get started. As you research, circle words that describe your habitat, and cross out ones that do not.

My Animal:

Habitat:

forest • grassland • desert • mountain
tundra • ocean • wetlands • other: _____

Food Source:

grass • trees • nuts • berries
bugs • small animals • other: _____

Plants:

trees • bushes • grass • shrubs
moss • bare (no plants) • other: _____

Ground:

soil • sand • covered in leaves
rocks • snow • other: _____

Make
notes of
colors and
textures!

Shelter:

trees • bushes • burrows • dens
nests • rock crevasses • other: _____

Don't
forget a
water
source!

Surroundings & Other Features:

prairie • mountain • lake • river
streams • paths • climbing areas
hunting areas • other: _____

Can you build a mini habitat diorama that meets all of your animal's needs? →

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DIRECTIONS Bring your research to life by building a scale model of your habitat that meets all of your animal's needs. Before you get started, use your habitat research to fill in the graphic organizer below and plan the materials you will use to build your diorama. *Example supplies are listed below, but what else can you think of?!*

REQUIRED MATERIALS

- Your Habitat Research
- Container or shoebox
- Scissors
- Glue and/or tape
- Your imagination!

EXAMPLE SUPPLIES

From Nature:

- Leaves
- Twigs
- Rocks
- Moss

Craft Materials:

- Crayons
- Markers
- Paint
- Paper

Recycled Goods:

- Trash and other found objects
- Toilet paper rolls
- Magazines and scrap paper
- Product packaging

MY HABITAT PLAN	My research tells me to make:	The colors & textures:	The materials I will use:
Background	<i>Example: Night sky and tree line</i>		
Shelter			
Ground			
Plants			
Food			
Surroundings			
Animal			
Other			

Now, use your ideas and imagination to build your mini habitat diorama!

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3D HABITAT COLORING PAGE

A Home for Tobin the Pangolin

habitat: the home or area where a plant or animal naturally lives

nocturnal: mostly active at night

pangolin: a nocturnal animal found in forests and savannahs across Africa and Asia, that has small hard plates on its body, a long tongue, and no teeth



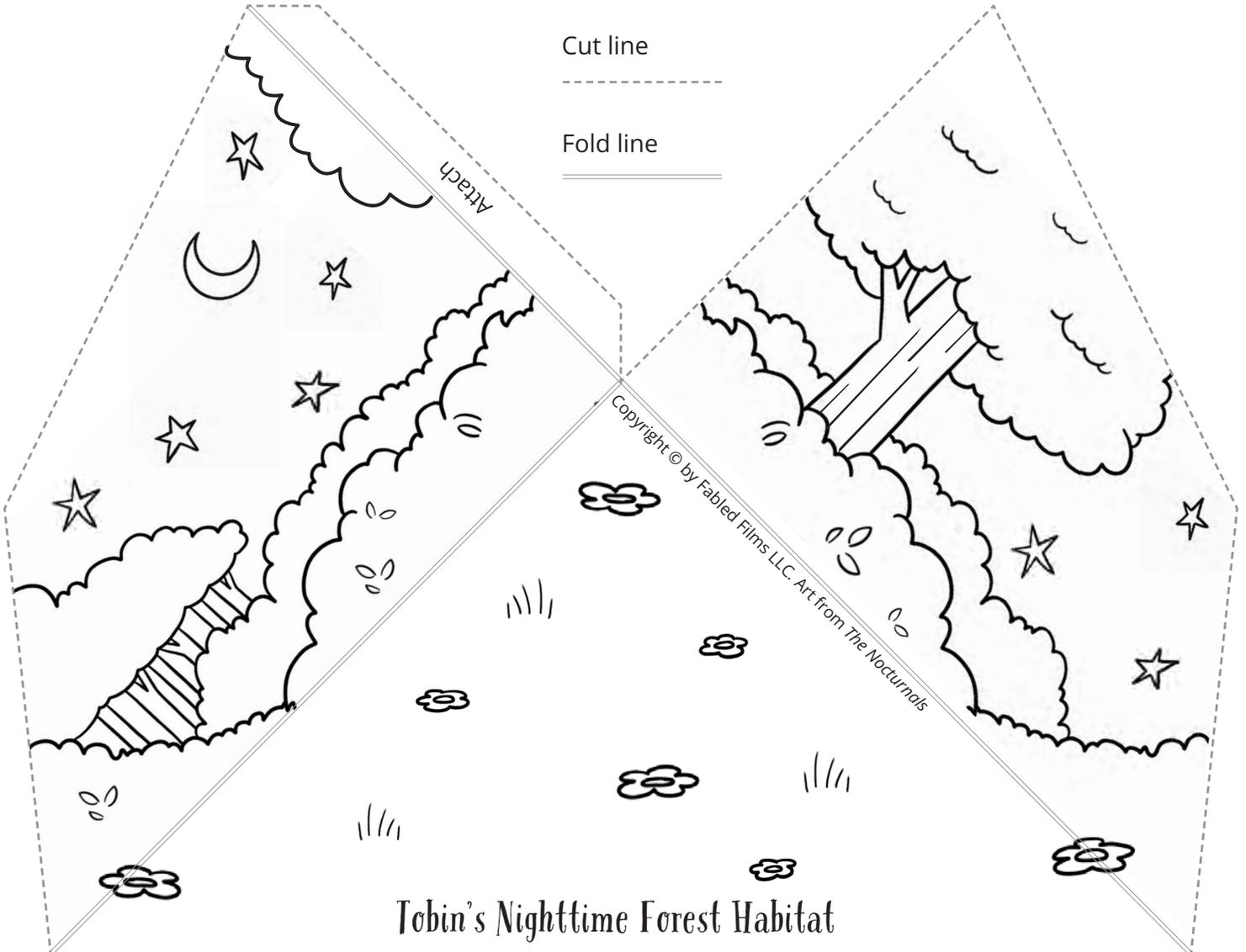
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Tobin the Pangolin
Armored in scales, yet tender at heart

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Cut line

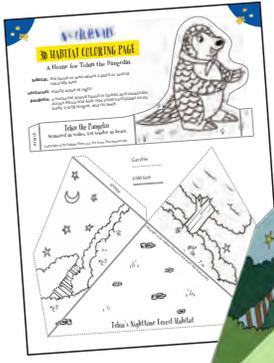
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Tobin's Nighttime Forest Habitat

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3D COLORING PAGE AND TRIORAMA DIRECTIONS



Materials

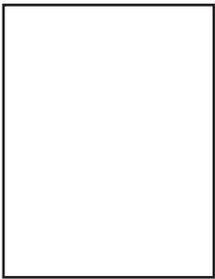
- 3D Coloring Page
- Coloring supplies
- Scissors
- Glue and/or tape

Directions

- 1 Color Tobin the Pangolin and Tobin's Nighttime Forest Habitat.
- 2 Cut along the dotted lines.
- 3 Fold along the double lines.
- 4 Attach where indicated using glue or tape.

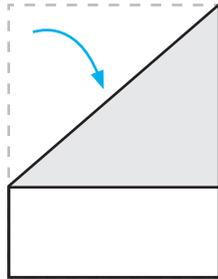
OR BUILD YOUR OWN TRIORAMA

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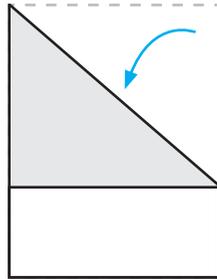
Start with a piece of paper.

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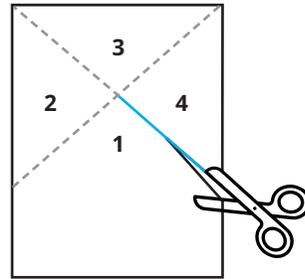
Fold the corner across and crease. Then unfold.

3



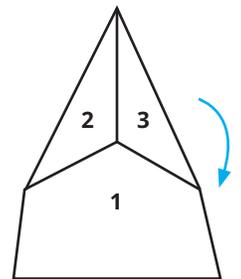
Repeat for the other corner. Unfold to reveal four sections.

4



Cut along the crease between Section 1 and Section 4, stopping at the center as indicated.

5



Slide Section 4 under Section 1. Attach using glue or tape. Now, decorate your own nighttime forest!



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GET TO KNOW NOCTURNALS



How well do you know Bismark, Dawn, and Tobin? Fill out this crossword puzzle, and then match the answers describing Dawn, Bismark, Tobin, or all three animals in the Nocturnal Brigade!



Across

- 2 Makes a lot of sound
- 4 Close companions
- 6 Common shelters for foxes
- 7 Anteater-like nocturnal animal
- 8 Bluish-gray nocturnal animal who glides instead of flies
- 9 Body part making a sugar glider suspend in the air for 45 meters
- 13 Thoughtful, determined attitude
- 14 Shy, empathetic member of the Nocturnal Brigade

Down

- 1 Animals who are awake at night
- 3 Team
- 5 State of an animal close to extinction
- 8 Flavor of fruit
- 10 Trusty leader of the Nocturnal Brigade
- 11 Pint-sized member of the Nocturnal Brigade
- 12 Slender nocturnal animal who runs up to 48 km/hr

Answers are on page 39.

Word Bank

- Bismark
- Brigade
- Dawn
- Dens
- Endangered
- Fox
- Friends
- Gliding membrane
- Loud
- Nocturnal
- Pangolin
- Serious
- Sugar Glider
- Sweet
- Tobin





JOIN *The* NOCTURNALS TRIO!



In this Word Search, you will meet three unlikely friends—Dawn the Fox, Tobin the pangolin, and Bismark the sugar glider. Discover the nightly adventures of the Nocturnal Brigade!



ADVENTURE
BATS
BISMARK
BRIGADE
CHAMPION
CROCODILE
DANGERS

DARKNESS
DAWN
ESCAPE
FLAPPING
FOX
GLIDER
MOONLIGHT

MYSTERY
NOCTURNALS
PANGOLIN
POMELO
PROWLERS
QUEST
RODENT

SCURRYING
SHRIEKED
STARS
SUGAR
TOBIN
TREMBLING
UNDETECTED



CREATE A NOCTURNALS STORY



Take turns choosing a word for each part of the speech to help the Nocturnal Brigade fill in the story. If you're playing alone, fold along the dotted lines to hide the story.

Adjective: _____

Verb ending in *ing*: _____

Name of someone in the room: _____

Animal: _____

Adjective: _____

Noun: _____

Adjective: _____

Adjective: _____

Past tense verb: _____

Adjective: _____

Adverb: _____

Plural noun: _____

Adjective: _____

Adjective: _____

Adjective: _____

Noun: _____

Noun: _____

Adjective: _____

Adjective: _____

Plural noun: _____

Verb: _____

How to Become a Member of the Nocturnal Brigade

Do you want to join the _____ Nocturnal Brigade? Great! You will be _____ with Dawn the fox, Tobin the pangolin, Bismark the sugar glider, and _____, a very brave _____.

The Nocturnals follow these _____ guidelines in our daily adventures.

1. Members always meet at night in front of the big _____ when the moon is _____ and the stars are _____.

2. The group _____ a cape made from _____ snakeskin that Bismark _____ took from one of our _____ who attacked him in the _____ forest.

3. We like to eat _____ pomelos, a(n) _____ fruit that looks like a(n) _____ and tastes like a(n) _____.

4. We help other _____ animals when they are in trouble in the _____ forest that is filled with many _____.

So, if you think you can _____ by these guidelines then you can be a member of the Nocturnal Brigade!





NOCTURNALS UNEXPECTED VISITOR



The Nocturnals are getting ready for an adventure!
 What is hiding behind the bushes? Unscramble the words.
 Then fill in the puzzle to find out!



SOWDO _____ ₁

DINBEH _____

HUESBS _____

NOESI ₂ _____

NOGL _____

UEBL _____

YEBLL _____

SEIMMRH _____

HELRITS _____ ₃

LYULB _____

Word Bank

- BEHIND
- BELLY
- BLUE
- BULLY
- BUSHES
- LONG
- NOISE
- SHIMMER
- SLITHER
- WOODS



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