

# CLOVERBUDDIES

**A 4-H EXPLORATION ACTIVITY SERIES FOR  
CLOVERBUD MEMBERS**



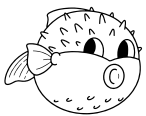
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## PROJECT EXPLORATION: ANIMAL SCIENCES



# Ocean Animals

Animal Sciences is about more than just farm animals! Search and color each of the ocean animals listed below, can you find them all?! As you find each animal, see if you can name them and which part of the ocean they live in!



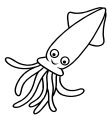
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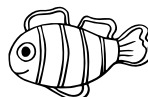
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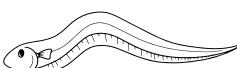
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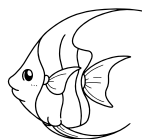
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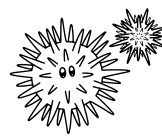
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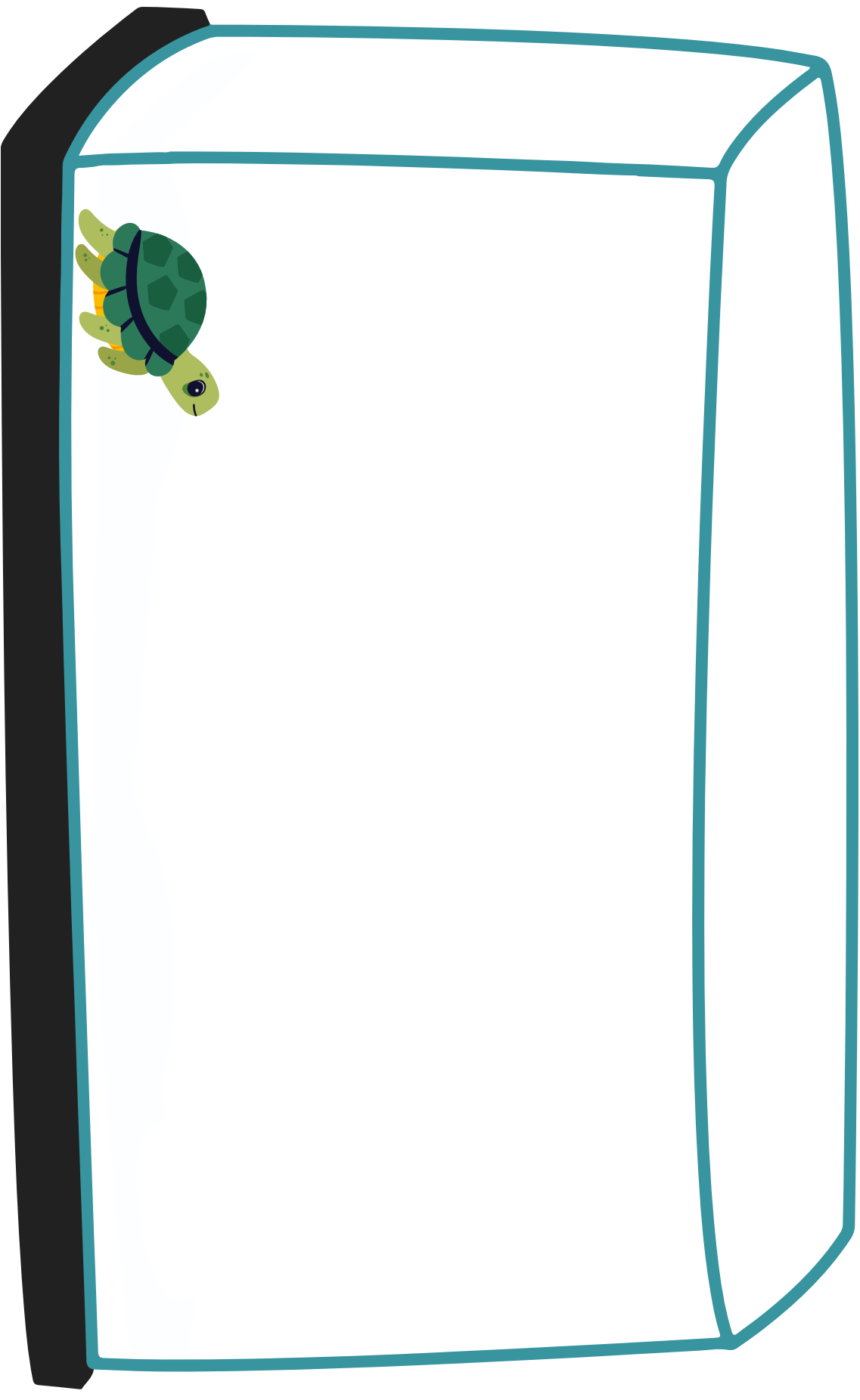
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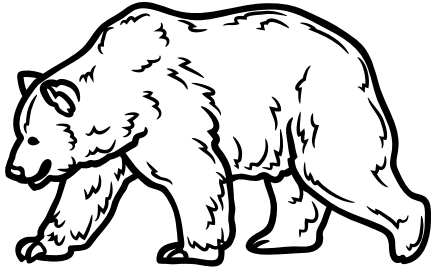
# WELCOME TO MY TANK

Have you ever owned a turtle before? Turtles, like many animals in the world, are delicate animals that need a very specific habitat to be healthy. A habitat is the type of home they live in. Turtles love taking a swim in water, and also basking in the sun/heat! Decorate your turtle tank in the box below - add whatever you want by drawing or coloring things in to make your turtle have the best tank ever! For extra fun - research what a turtle's habitat is in the wild, and create a diorama (a miniature replica) of their habitat using a box, and things you can find in your house or yard.

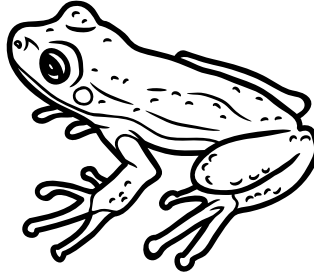


# HIBERNATION STATION

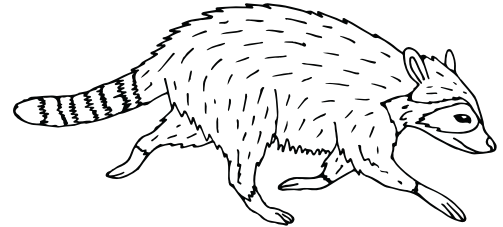
Some animals take really long naps, known as hibernation during the winter! In the picture below, color the animals that hibernate and cross out the animals that do not hibernate.



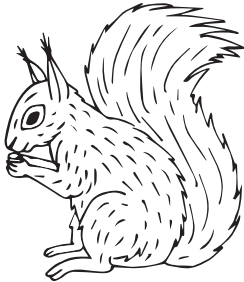
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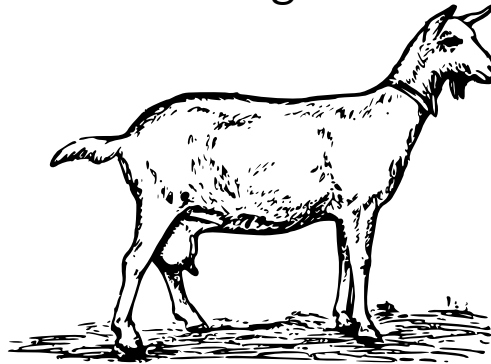
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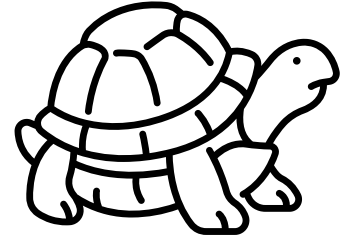
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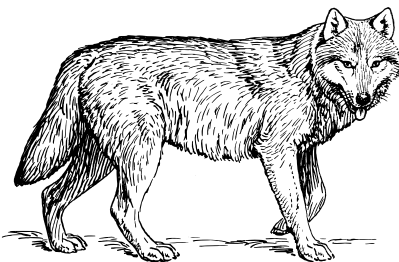
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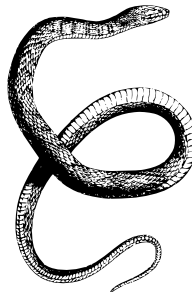
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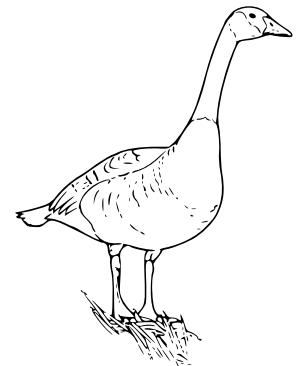
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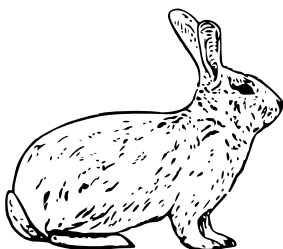
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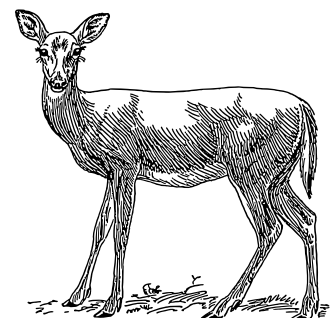
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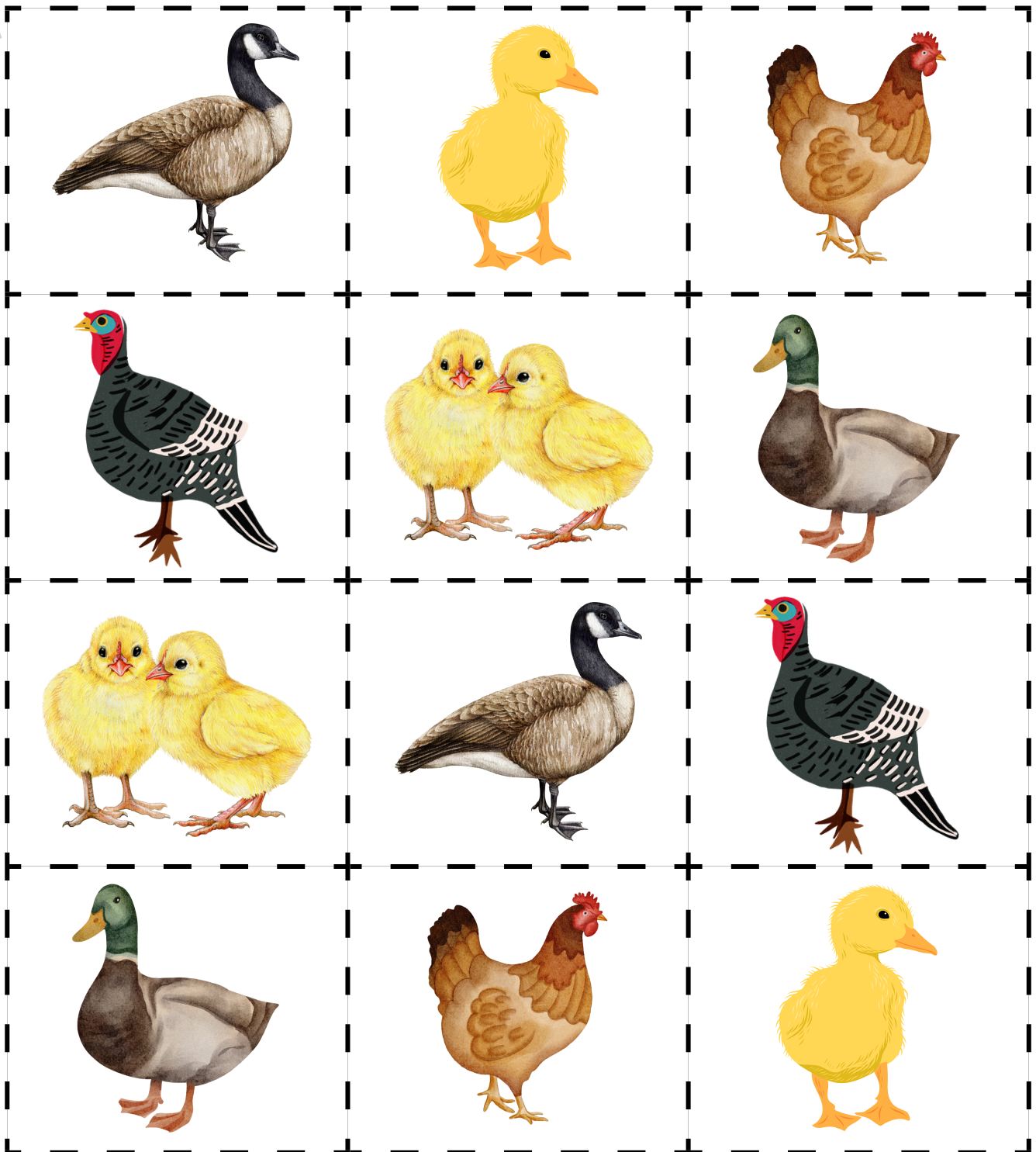


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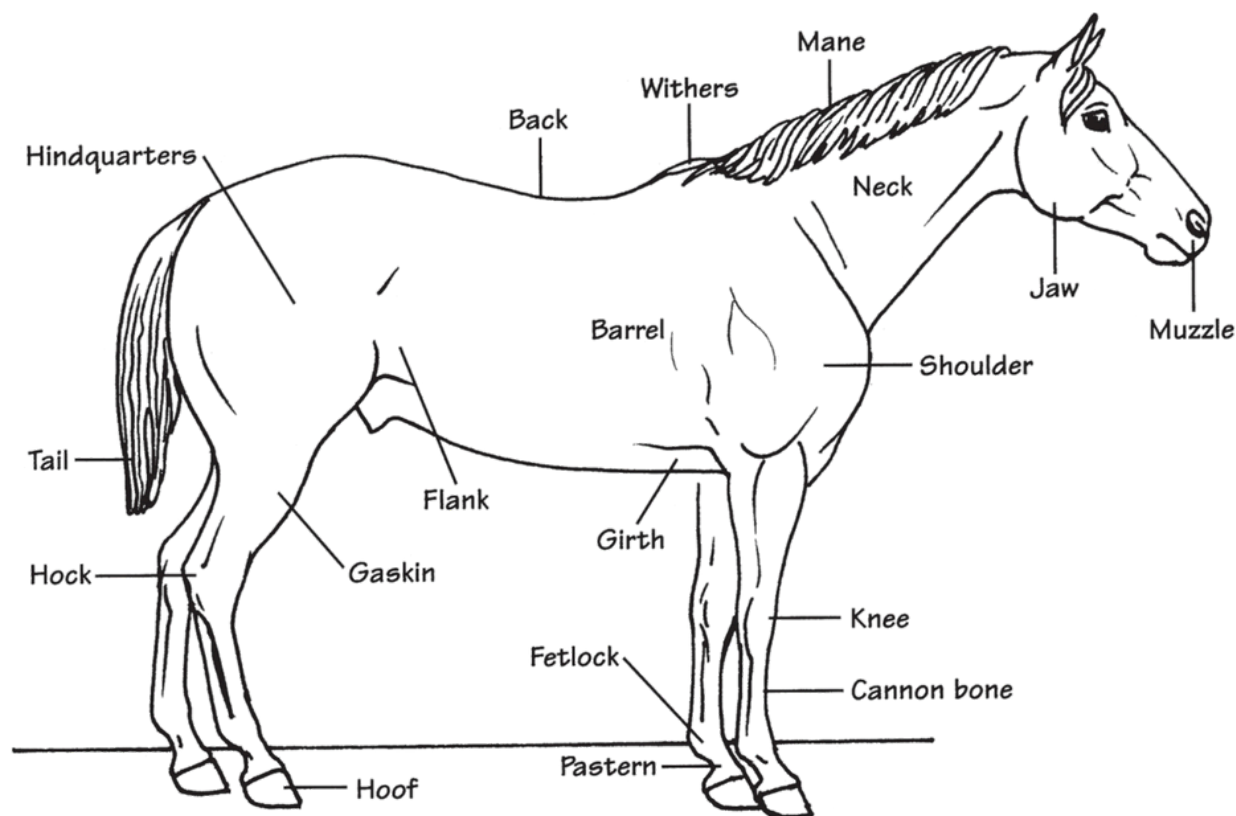
# POULTRY SEARCH

Another animal project is the Poultry Project. Youth in the Poultry Project show chickens, turkeys, ducks, and more! See if you can match these birds to their partner in the game below. Carefully cut around the black lines, mix up the squares, and lay them face down in a random order. Taking turns with a partner, flip over 2 cards at a time to see if your birds match. If they do, keep your match until all the cards are gone. The person with the most matches at the end wins the game.



# HORSIN' AROUND WORD SEARCH

One of the most popular projects in La Crosse County is the Horse Project, which you can join when you're older! The Horse Project teaches responsibility and care of the horses as well as how to be a great rider and show exhibitor. Study the parts of the horse below while you color the picture and then find them in the word search under the horse!



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# SOCK BUNNIES

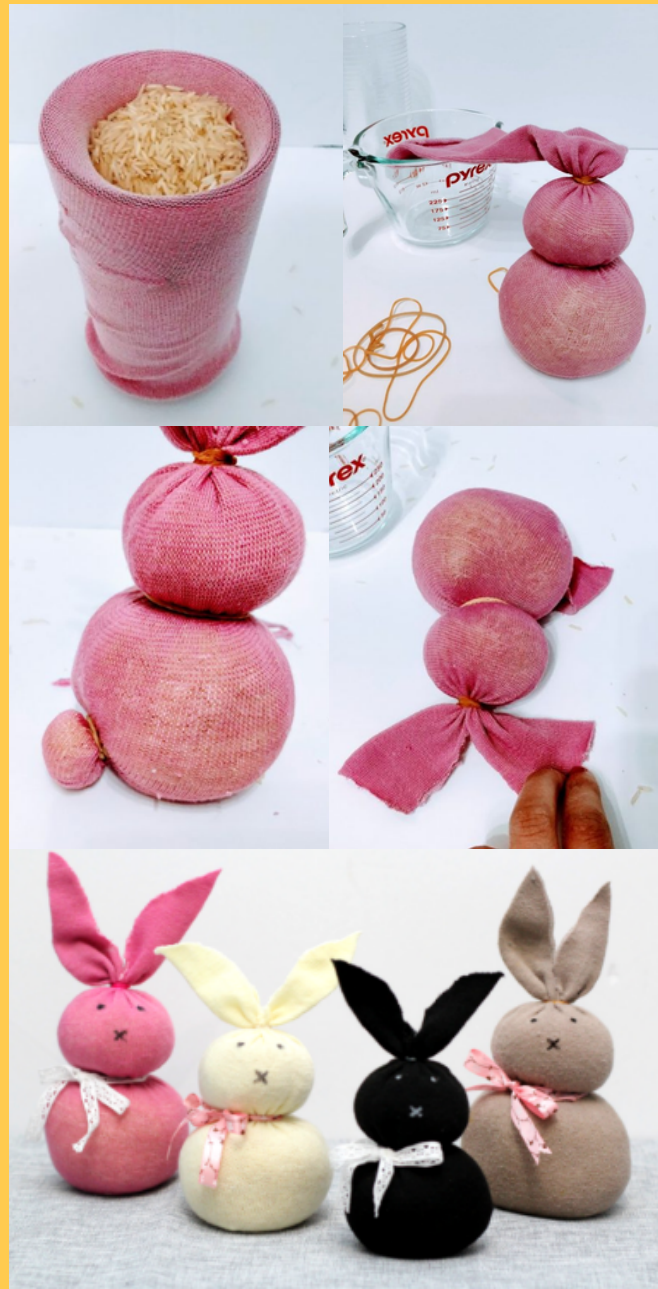
Another popular project is the Rabbit Project! How much do you know about Rabbits? While you may not have a bunny, you can make your own by following the directions below. See if you can find any socks that look like bunnies to make your Bunny Buddy look more realistic!

## MATERIALS

- Unmatched socks
- Uncooked rice (around 1 cup per bunny)
- Rubber bands
- Black Sharpie Marker (or any black marker)
- Pretty Ribbon (Optional)
- Scissors

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Take the sock and place it over a tall glass so its easier to pour the rice into. Pour the rice into the sock. Use a rubber band to close off the top of the sock.
2. To make the head and body shape, take another rubber band and tie it between the head and the body. Use another rubber band and make the bunny tail out of part of the body section.
3. To make the ears, cut any excess sock off the top so that there are a couple of inches for the ears. If you want floppy ears that flop down, then leave them a bit longer. Then cut this part down the middle.
4. Using a marker, draw a bunny ear shape on both of these pieces. Take your scissors and cut along the marker line.
5. Use the Sharpie to draw the bunny eyes and nose. To make the eyes, simply color in two dots with the marker. To make the nose, draw an "x" shape. Super Easy!
6. This last step is optional, but if you want to add a collar/scarf to your bunny you can use your ribbon for this! Cut a piece of ribbon long enough to wrap around your bunny's neck (with enough room to tie a bow at the end!)





# YOUR FAIR PROJECT!

## Let's make a... **DIORAMA OR 3D DISPLAY OF AN ANIMAL'S NATURAL HABITAT**

(Dept 17, Class A, Item 8)

Welcome to a new section of Cloverbuddies, where we share how to complete one fair project for each area highlighted. It's not required, but it's fun!



A Habitat Diorama is a 3-D display that shows an animals habitat - a place where an animal makes it's home. A habitat provides the organisms that live there with food, water, shelter and space to survive. Your job is to pick an animal and re-create it's habitat, only smaller!

This can be a fair exhibit! Visit [www.lacrosseinterstatefair.com](http://www.lacrosseinterstatefair.com) after June 1st, and you can enter this exhibit on the registration.

- Select Dept 17 for Cloverbuds, Class A for Cloverbud, and Item 8, Diorama or 3D display of an animal's natural habitat.
- Youth who exhibit in the Cloverbud department participate in face-to-face judging at the fair. The judge will ask age-appropriate questions of the youth to determine their knowledge and enjoyment of the project they completed. Cloverbuds get special Cloverbud ribbons at the fair.
- For bonus points with your judge, explain why you chose this or these animal(s) and some general information about your habitat!

# YOUR FAIR PROJECT!

## Let's make a... DIORAMA OR 3D DISPLAY OF AN ANIMAL'S NATURAL HABITAT

(Dept 17, Class A, Item 8)

### MATERIALS NEEDED:

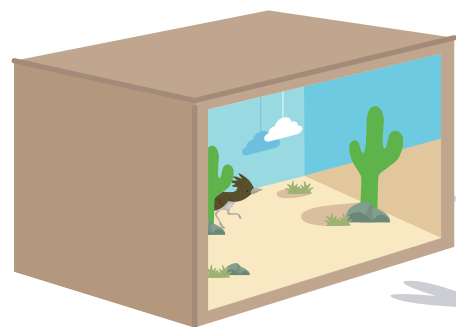
- a shoe box or container
- glue / tape / etc.
- plant/animal figurines (or paper drawings of these)
- scissors
- craft paper for decorations

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Think about these questions: Where does this animal live? What would this animal eat? How does this animal spend its time? What other animals and plants live in this animal's environment? If you're able, looking this information up in a book or online is a great way to get ideas!
2. Once you know what environment your animal lives in, you can gather materials to make that environment. Be creative - just like real diorama designers, you don't have to make everything out of natural materials. But going into your yard or the woods can be a great place to get ideas! You might want use things like sticks, leaves, bark, acorns, grasses, paper, fabric, or clay.
3. Most habitat dioramas have a painted background. The background is curved and painted like an optical illusion, to make it seem like the diorama is a window to the outdoors. To make your background, you can paint it, color it with markers, or cut pictures out of magazines or print them out from a website and glue them together. Make sure to think about the size of your animal and how big or small things will look when the animal is placed inside next to them.
4. Time to add your animal! For a permanent diorama you can glue them in place, or use sticky tack for a temporary diorama. Before you place it, try to think about what your animal is doing. Eating? Drinking? Sleeping? Defending its territory?

### TAKE A CLOSER LOOK

- If you used natural materials in your diorama, watch them for a few days. Do they stay the same or start to change?
- How do you think museums preserve the natural materials in their dioramas?
- Dioramas show one moment in time. How would your environment change with changing seasons?





# MAY ANSWER KEYS

Answers to all Cloverbuddies activities will appear on the back cover of the following month's issue. For answers to this issue, watch for next month's installment of Cloverbuddies!

## RECYCLING WORD FIND



## COMPOST MAZE



## MATCH THE ROCKS

These rocks have small, shiny, or sparkly crystals.

These rocks have fossils or imprints of leaves, shells or insects.

Some of these rocks have holes like swiss cheese.

Some of these rocks are not rough but smooth and shiny like glass.

These rocks have ribbon like layers.

In these rocks you may see individual stone pebbles or sand grains.



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