

Preschool Activity: An Animal's Home

All animals need food, water, air, shelter and space to survive. So do we!

(Inspired by California Department of Education Preschool Learning Foundations; Visual Arts 2.1 and 2.2, Life Sciences 2.2)

Pre-Activity Questions

- What do you need to survive?
- What do animals need to survive?

Activity

- What are some things that you need to survive? Can you list them? Where do you find the things you need in your living space? Animals need the same things as we do to survive! They need to eat, so they need food. They need to drink, so they need water. They also need air to breathe and a place, shelter, to get out of cold! And all animals need space to move around. In this activity, you will draw your home with all the things you need and the home of an animal, with all the things it needs!

Build your house!

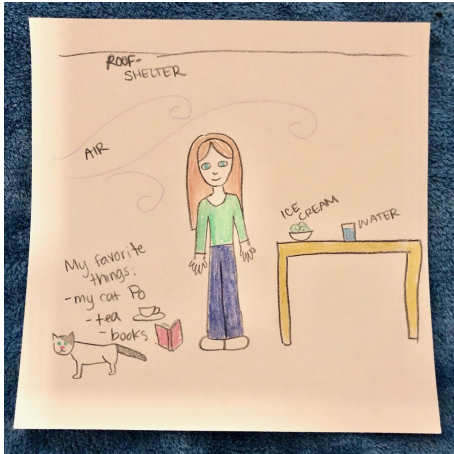
Materials

- Paper
- Markers or crayons
- Optional: twigs or leaves
- Optional: Elmer's glue

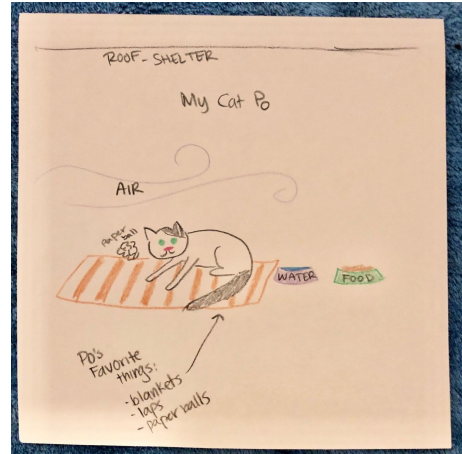
Steps

1. On one side of the **paper**, use **markers** or **crayons** to draw yourself.
2. Draw your favorite food, water, your shelter.
3. Now draw your favorite things!
4. Turn the paper over.
5. Pick an animal and draw it on the black side of your paper
6. Draw the animal's food and water.
7. Draw the animal's shelter
8. Optional: search for **natural objects** that can make the animal's shelter
9. Optional: use **Elmer's glue** to glue the objects onto the animal side of the paper

Note: This activity can also be done with building blocks to make the house. You can pretend an object is food or water, or draw the needs and place them in the house.



Steps 1-3: Your home and needs



Steps 5-7: An animal's home and needs

Post-Activity Questions and Resources

- What objects in nature can be shelter for an animal?
- Do all animals need the same types of food?
- Challenge: Can you find animal homes in your backyard or local park?