

## Design your Own Animal

### **Materials:**

- Construction Paper
- Recyclable Materials
- Paint
- Glue
- Scissors
- Markers
- Googly Eyes

**Objective:** Explorers will learn about animal adaptations and then design their own animal!

### **Activity:**

- Animals are like superheroes, and animal adaptations are their superpowers!
- An important part of animals is how they adapt! An animal adaptation is a special skill which helps an animal to survive and do everything it needs to survive.
- Have a discussion:
  - What are some animals good at?
    - Ex: A cheetah running after its prey
    - Ex: A frog using its tongue to catch flies
    - Ex: A porcupine having quills to defend itself
- Brainstorm your favorite animal adaptations and use them to design your own animal! Create a planning sheet and have them fill it out.
  - Create a new species name and design an animal
  - Select one or several characteristics from each of the following columns:

Fur	Legs/arms	Eyes	Mammal
Feather	Wings	Ears	Bird
Scales	Tail	Mouth	Reptile
Slim	None	Nose	Fish

- Design Time
  - Explorers can use various craft items you put out to make their own animal creation. Make sure you create a planning sheet before you begin. This will help explorers sort their thoughts.

