



# I SPY ANIMALS

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## TIPS FOR THE READER

In this kit, you will find a wonderful children’s book and practical resources you can use to help a child develop important lifelong skills. Use these tips to engage the child in talking about the story, further developing vocabulary, comprehension and a love of reading. Finally, use the provided materials and **Activity Instructions** to extend and practice new skills.

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*I Spy Animals* is based on the bestselling *I Spy Little Animals*. Toddlers and preschoolers can search photos from the original *I Spy* series for all kinds of animals. Simple picture clues and rhyming riddles guide the youngest readers through 13 interactive, fun-filled spreads.

**Themes covered:** animals and other objects

**Skills developed:** matching, fine motor skills, creative thinking, vocabulary, visual discrimination

#### Verbal Prompts

Before reading, ask...

- \* What kind of animals live in a zoo?
- \* What kind of animals live on a farm?

While reading...

- \* When a child finds an animal in the book, ask:
  - Where do they live? (in a cave, in the water, in a tree, etc.)
  - What do you think their skin feels like?
  - Have you ever seen the animal?
- \* Can you growl like a bear? Roar like a lion? Sing like a bird? etc.

After reading...

- \* Ask the children, “Do you remember...
  - Where the \_\_\_\_\_ lives?”
  - What color the \_\_\_\_\_ is?”
  - How many \_\_\_\_\_ there were?”



## PROP/PUZZLE/GAME 1 PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

# IDENTIFYING IDENTICAL OBJECTS

Help children learn to identify similarities and differences with this Animal Identification game!

### Supplies You'll Need

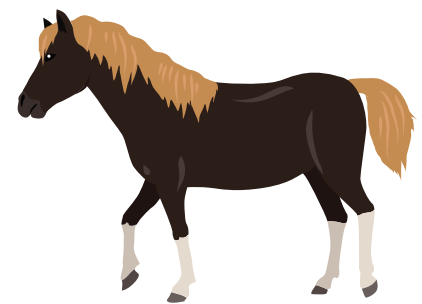
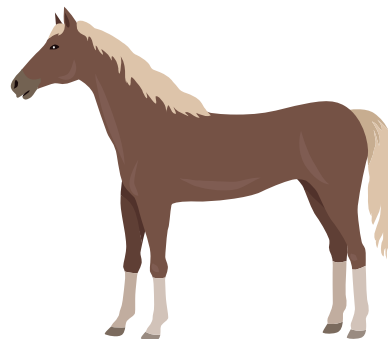
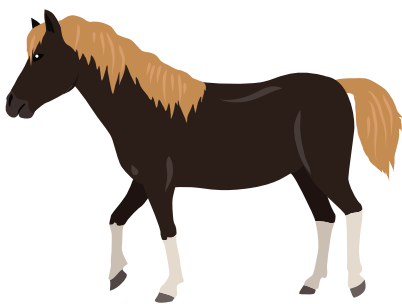
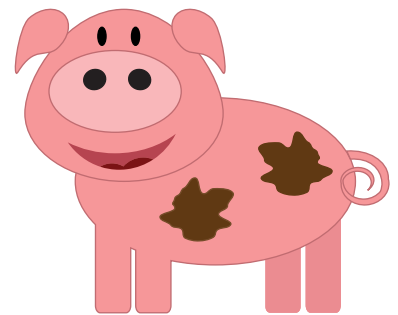
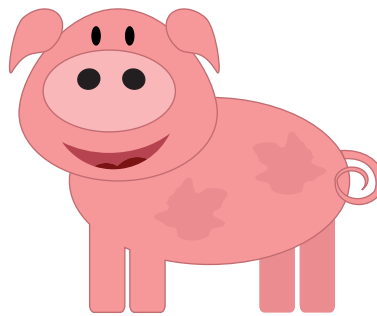
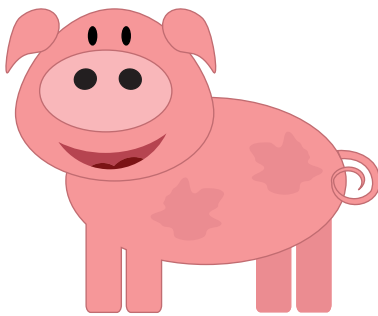
- Template with snakes, bats, pigs and horses
- Pencils
- Plastic bag(s) or other container

### Kit Assembly Instructions

1. Make copies of the template for each child.
2. Put copies of the template and pencils in each bag.
3. Include the book and **Tips for the Reader** in the kit.

# PROP/PUZZLE/GAME 1

TEMPLATE





## **PROP/PUZZLE/GAME 1** **ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS**

# **IDENTIFYING IDENTICAL OBJECTS**

Help children learn to identify similarities and differences with this Animal Identification game!

### **Follow These Steps**

1. Give each child a page and a pencil.
2. Ask them to circle the object that matches the picture in the frame in the left-hand column.
3. Ask them what is different in the pictures and what is the same.
4. Let them take the page home.



## PROP/PUZZLE/GAME 2 PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

# PAPER PLATE ANIMAL CRAFT

Help children build fine motor skills and creativity while making these animal masks!

### Supplies You'll Need

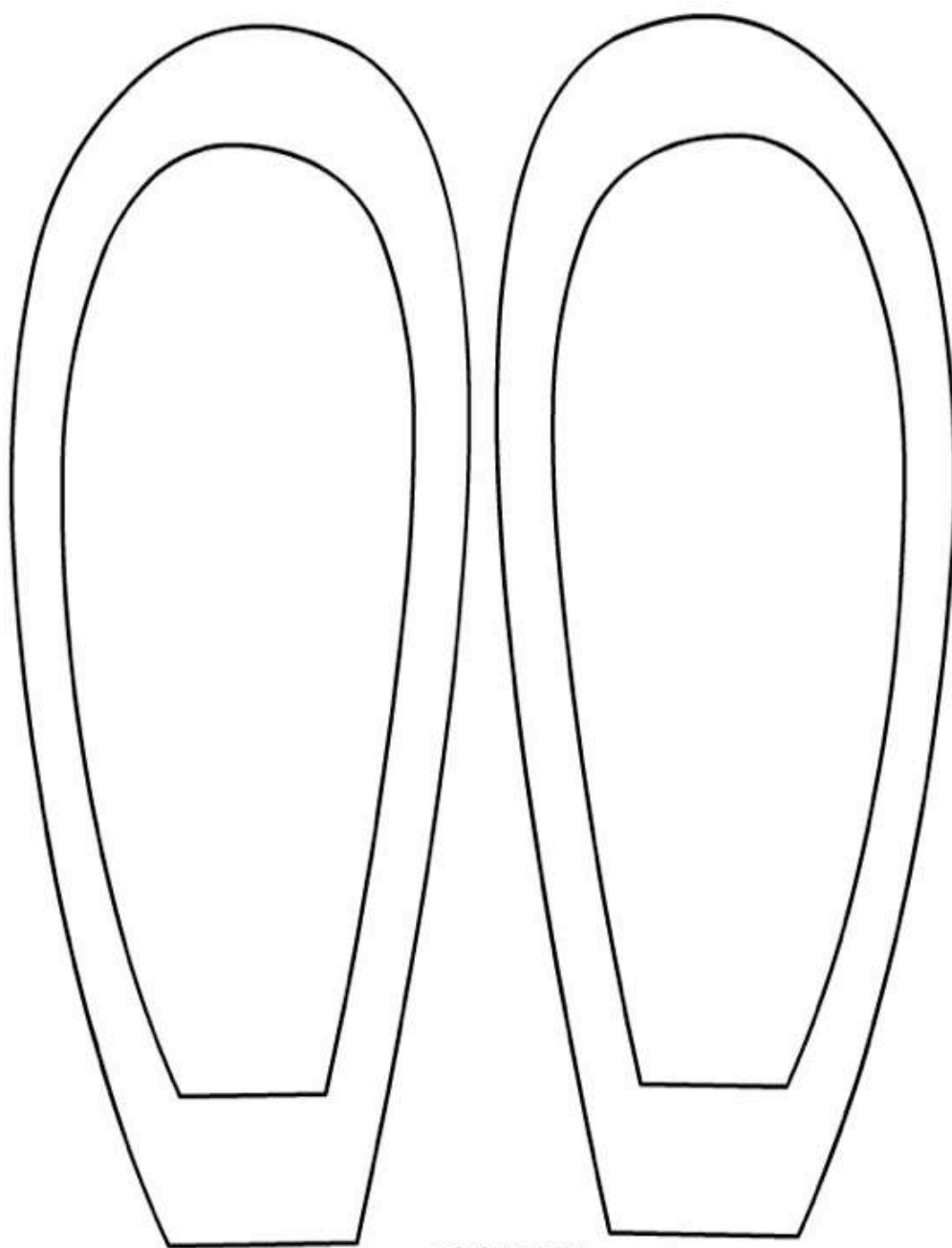
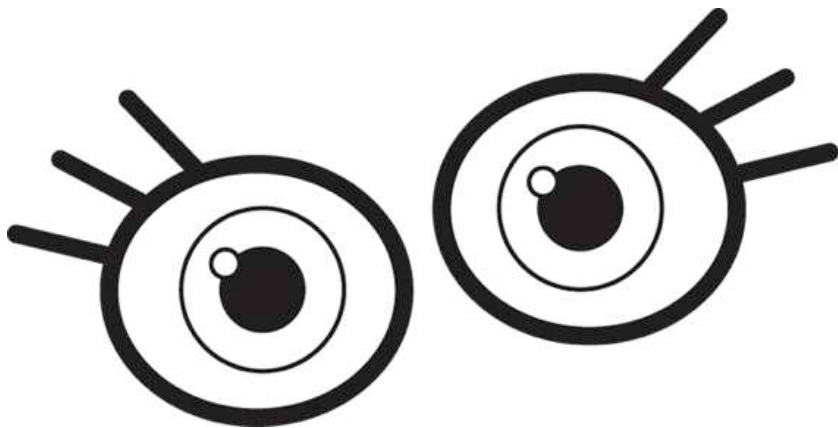
- Templates of animal eyes, ears, and noses
- Scissors
- Paper plates
- Glue stick or glue dots
- Crayons
- Craft sticks
- Plastic bag(s) or other container

### Kit Assembly Instructions

1. Make copies of the templates of animal eyes, ears, and noses.
2. Cut out the animal eyes, ears, and noses from the template.
3. Put cutouts in one bag.
4. Put paper plates, glue stick or dots, crayons and craft sticks in a separate bag.
5. Include the book and **Tips for the Reader** in the kit.

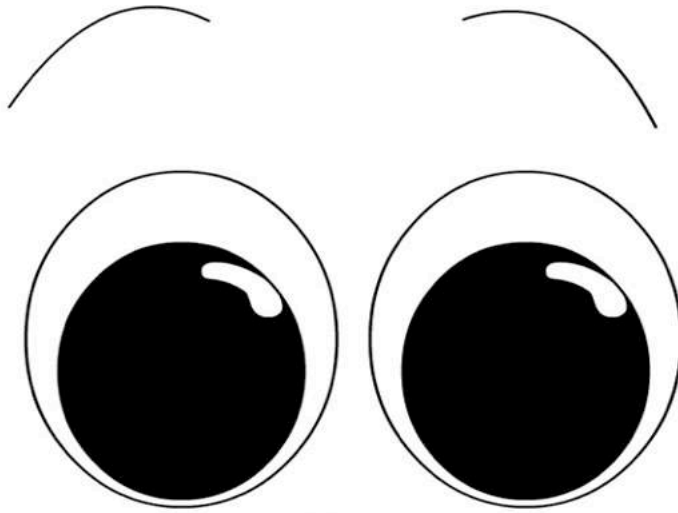
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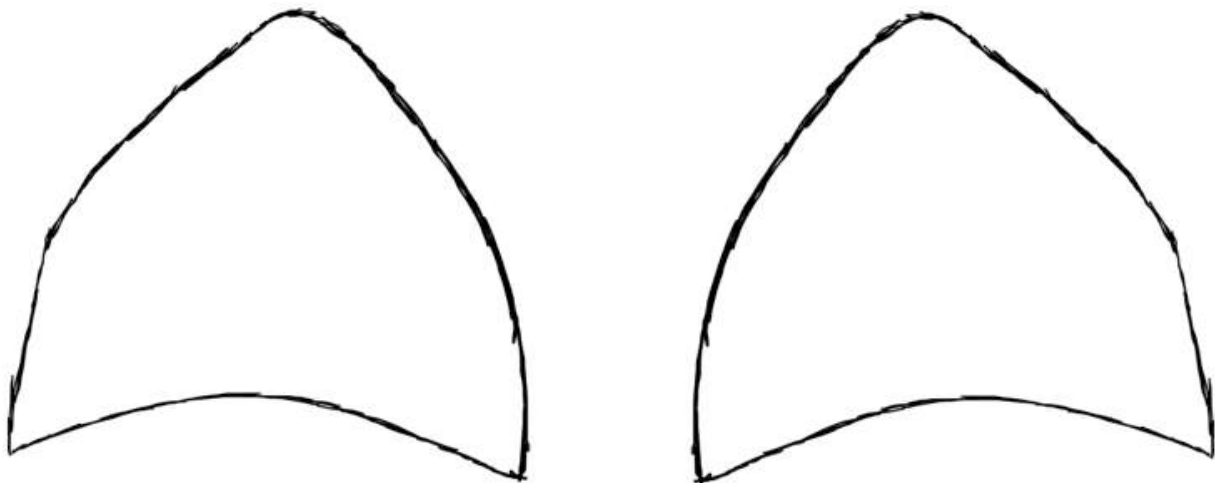


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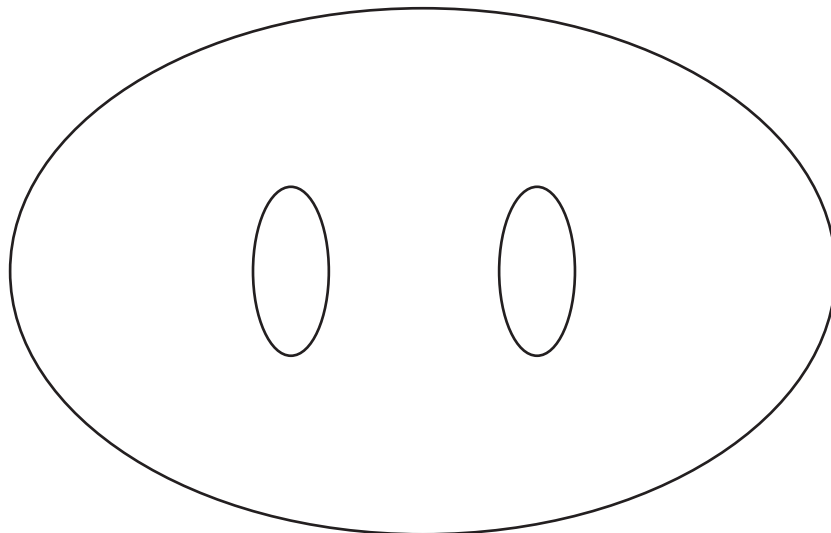
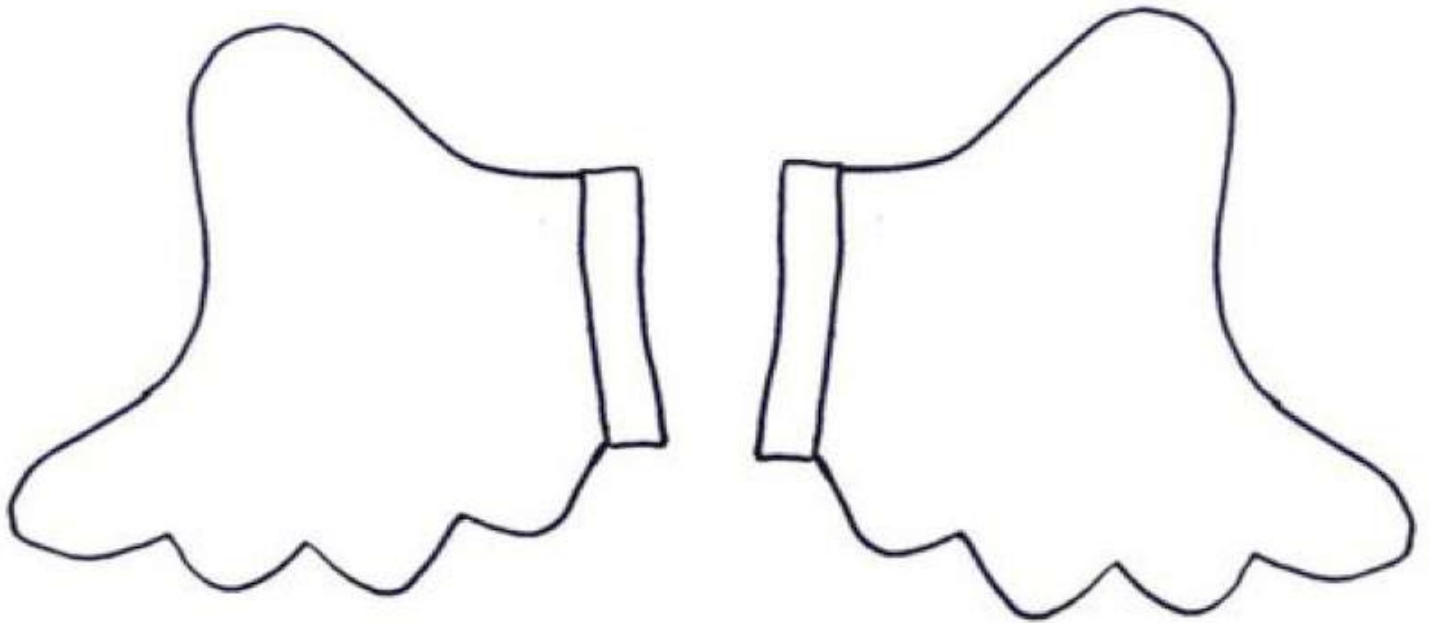
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# PAPER PLATE ANIMAL CRAFT

Help children build fine motor skills and creativity while making these animal masks!

## Follow These Steps

1. Give each child a paper plate, crayons, craft sticks, and glue.
2. Let each child pick eyes, ears, and nose to color.
3. Have the children make a face by gluing their colored parts onto the paper plate.
4. Show them how to glue a craft stick on the back of the paper plate so they can hold it up like a mask.



## TAKE HOME ACTIVITY KIT 1

### PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

# ANIMAL MATCHING

Help children learn about sounds and recognize letters in these games!

### Supplies You'll Need

- Two copies of the animal photos without words
- One copy of the letters and the animal photos with words
- Glue stick(s)
- Scissors
- 4x6 inch index cards
- 8.5x11 inch card stock or cardboard
- Two small plastic bags
- Plastic bag(s) or other container

### Kit Assembly Instructions

1. Cut the index cards in half (each half will be 2x3 inches).
2. Cut out animal pictures without words, glue each one on half of an index card and place in small bag.
3. Paste (or print) both animal photo pages on card stock or cardboard.
4. Cut out the letters and glue each one on half of an index card and place in other small bag.
5. In a large bag, put both full-page photo templates and both small bags.
6. Include For the Reader in the kit.

# TAKE HOME ACTIVITY KIT 1

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**Squirrel**



**Buffalo**



**Monkey**



**Tiger**



**Rabbit**



**Fox**



**Deer**



**Bear**



**Horse**



**TAKE HOME ACTIVITY KIT 1**  
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## TAKE HOME ACTIVITY KIT 1

### ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS

# ANIMAL MATCHING

Help children learn about sounds and recognize letters in these games!

### Follow These Steps

#### For a 2 or 3-year old:

- Ask the child to match the cut out animal picture to the same picture on the grid of photos with words. Ask if they can name the animal. Talk about the sound the first letter makes.
- Take a walk outside and ask the child to find two leaves that are the same size or two trees that are the same height.

#### For a 4 or 5-year old:

- Give the child a copy of the photo grid without words and the cut out letters.
- Ask them to pick a letter and match it with an animal that starts with that letter.
- Help as needed by sounding out the names of animals.
- Ask them if they can name other words with that letter.
- Repeat with all the letters.