Pop-Up Jungle Book

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Ignite Imaginations advise that this activity should be carried out under the supervision of an adult

STEP ONE:
Find a selection of cardboard from around your house. This could be from parcels, cereal boxes, food wrapping, kitchen roll tubes etc.
Make sure to cover your table when using paint and ask an adult for help with scissors.

STEP TWO:
Select a large flat piece of cardboard and fold down the centre of the piece to make a book shape. Give your book shape a wide spine.

STEP THREE:
Next use paint, pens or crayons to decorate your background. On one side use green to create a forest floor. You could draw leaves, plants, grass, or just colour it green. On the other side try to draw the forest and sky. You can include trees, vines and even animals.

STEP FOUR:
To make the pop-up elements of your book, begin by choosing three animals and using your pen and crayons sketch them out on the back of your cardboard.

STEP FIVE:
Next cut out your animals leaving a 1cm strip to make a tab at the bottom of each animal. Fold over the tab and place your animals on the green base making sure that your book will close when the animals are folded down. Now create bushes and foliage in the same way. When you are happy use glue or tape to stick them down.
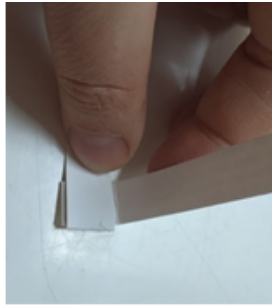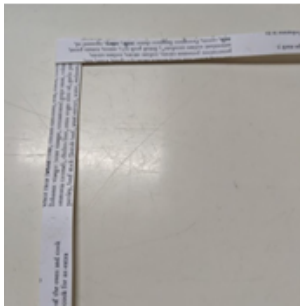
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STEP SIX:
To make your pop-up trees, sketch the outline of different trees onto the card. Colour in your trees and then cut them all out individually.

STEP SEVEN:
Cut two thin strips of card the same length as each other and tape or glue the ends together to create a right angle corner.

Fold the strips inward alternately to form a concertina. You may need to ask an adult to help. Once you reach the end of the strips, glue or tape the ends together. You should now have your first concertina spring. Make a range of springs, different lengths for each of your trees.

Attach one or two concertinas to the back of your trees and to the backdrop. Start from the middle of your backdrop and work your way out.

STEP EIGHT:
You should now have your 3D backdrop.

If you have some string, you could use it to create vines between your trees. Perhaps using some spare card you could make a monkey and tape it to your vines too.

Well done - enjoy your creation.