

Book title: *The Mixed-Up Chameleon*

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Supplies for activities needed:

- Paper
- Coloring utensils: colored pencils, crayons, markers, etc
- The internet, to look up what each animal in the activity looks like for reference

Activity Name: **Mystery Animal Drawing**

- School Readiness Outcomes (SRO) goals met:
  - Experimenting with a growing variety of writing tools and materials - Beginning Writing
  - Writing some words or short phrases besides their own name - Beginning Writing
  - Sustaining interactions with other children by sharing their mystery animals with each other - Relates to Children
- Instructions
  1. There were 9 animals other than the chameleon in the story that were at the zoo. You will be taking 3-4 of these animals and drawing them all together as one! The 9 animals in the story were: polar bear, flamingo, fox, fish, deer, giraffe, turtle, elephant, and seal.
  2. Choose 3-4 of these animals and write them down on a sheet of paper. Pick one body part from each of the animals you chose, make a list of those body parts next to the names of the animals. You will be taking these parts and drawing them all together to make one crazy looking animal! Make sure to choose a body and head from two of the animals.
  3. Draw the head of your mystery animal first. Next, draw the body and legs. Does your animal have a tail? What about wings? Or any scales or spots? Make sure to draw all of the

other details on your mystery animal! Use lots of fun and random colors on each part of your mystery animal.

4. After you have finished drawing all of the parts of your mystery animal, come up with a fun name for your mystery animal! Ask a friend or family member what animals are mixed into your mystery animal. Can they guess all of the right animals? Challenge your friends and family to draw a mystery animal of their own, too!
- Extension Activity Ideas
    - Pick 3-4 other animals that were not chosen from the story and draw them all together as one fun, funky animal!
    - If you could be any animal in the world, which animal would you be? Draw that animal with lots of colors!

