

Sunny Silhouette Safari

Artist: [Matisse](#) – torn paper art

[Concepts](#): Line, shape, form, color, texture

Materials:

Colored construction paper (warm and/or cool colors) /choose three colors like red, yellow, and orange

Glue stick

pencil

Black acrylic paint and paint brush

Safari animal (children's plastic lion, giraffe, elephant etc.) or any other ceramic animal

Directions: This is a Sunny day art project. This could also be done indoors with an adult holding a flashlight to create a shadow!

1. Using three different colors of construction paper; begin tearing (by hand) two of the sheets of construction paper into strips. Once you have torn the two sheets (yellow and orange paper) into strips begin gluing those strips onto the full sheet of red construction paper moving from the top to the bottom of the red paper. You want your child to do this in a random order creating a really cool summer sky. Leave some of the red paper visible as part of sky. See image to the right.

2. Next move outdoors and using your plastic animals, some blocks, the colorful construction paper background, and the sun set up your safari landscape. Your child will need to figure out [how and when to get the best shadows](#). You can also use blocks to lift plastic animals off the ground. Just let your child play around with the different effects!

3. Once your child has their image set up, and using a pencil, help them trace the image onto their colorful sky. This is definitely a two person job at this point!

4. Now that your child has traced the cast shadows onto their colorful sky, get some black acrylic paint and a paintbrush and have your child paint the penciled shadow in with the black paint.

Note: If you do not have plastic animals, look around the house for other ceramic animals. I used a couple of ceramic birds I had to create the silhouette below – get creative! Once the silhouette is painted in and dry – the torn paper will give your silhouette some texture which adds to the overall effect!

