



## *Scales and Tales - Stealthy Scales*

### Activity Snapshot:

- Something all Reptiles have in common is their amazing body covering: Scales!
- Scales can come in many different shapes and sizes
  - Our turtle friend has big, bumpy, lumpy scales on a bony shell!
  - Our snake friend has silky smooth, flat scales on stretchy skin!
  - Our lizard friend has rough, tiny scales for grip and protection!
- Scales protect these animals, and help them hide in their homes or habitats.
- Can you find homes and hiding places for some reptiles of your own?

### Goal:

Create some Stealthy, Scaly friends and hide them around your own habitat.

### Time Recommended:

15 minutes

### Materials:

- Camo Creature Templates (Provided Below)
- Art supplies (such as crayons, markers, or colored pencils) for coloring in your creatures.
- Scissors, for cutting out your creature
- Tape, for attaching the creature to its hiding place!

### Instructions:

1. Choose one or more of the wildlife ambassadors that you would like to color and hide. You can find them represented on our Camo Critter Templates below or, you could choose to draw your own instead!
2. What animal did you choose? Consider where this animal might live, what sort of food they like to eat.
3. Look for somewhere you could hide your creature - is the location sunny or shady? Is it warm or cold? Would the animal feel safe there?
4. Color your animal based on the colors of the background; to help it blend in!
  - a. For example - if you were placing them on a wooden table, you could color them different shades of brown to match. If you were hiding them on a blue curtain, you could color them blue!
5. Cut out your animal from the paper, and place it in its new hiding spot. How well does it blend in? Do the colors help to hide it? Are there patterns that could help break up its shape and make it hard to spot?
6. Repeat steps 1-5 as many times as you like, so you have a collection of hidden animal friends around your home/habitat.
7. Challenge your family members who share your home to try to find your camouflaged friends!

### Additional Materials:

List of our Resident Reptiles!

- REPTILES:
  - Linus - the Eastern Box Turtle
  - Carolina - the Eastern Box Turtle
  - Georgia - the Gulf Coast Box Turtle
  - Indi - the Indonesian Blue-Tongued Skink
  - Ganat - the Australian Water Dragon
  - Ella - the Corn Snake
  - Adder - the Milk Snake

# CAMO ART: Snake

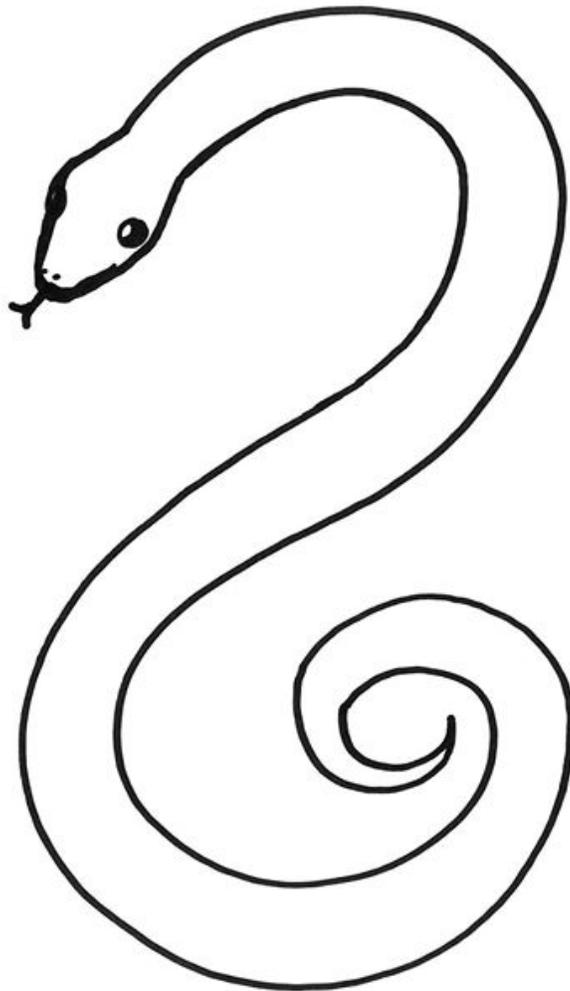
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Step 2: Find a colorful location where the animal can hide

Step 3: Color in the animal to match the hiding spot background

Step 4: place against background with tape or pins

Step 5: See if friends and family can spot your camouflaged critter!



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# CAMO ART: Box Turtle

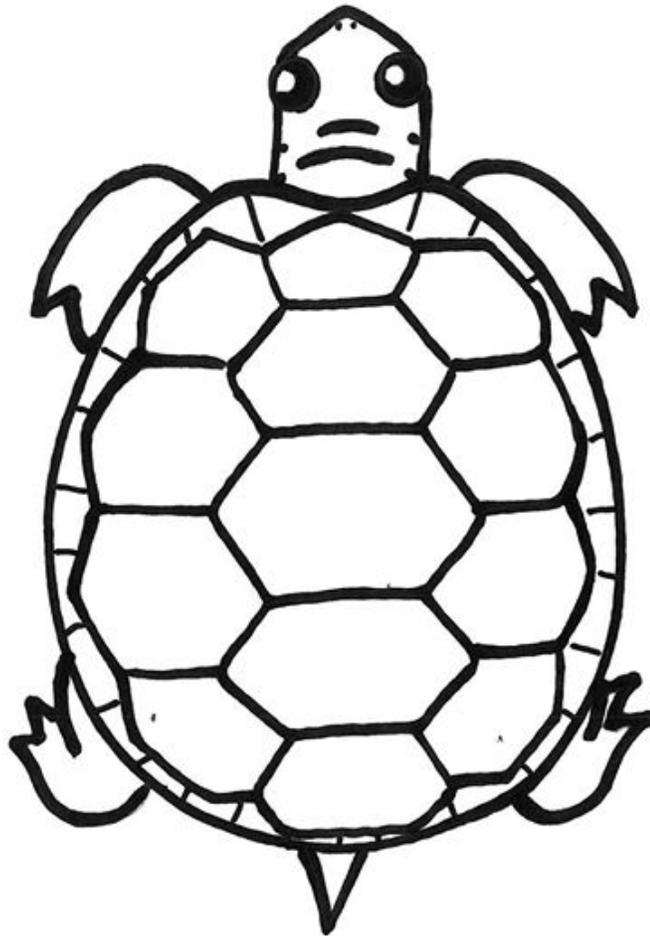
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