

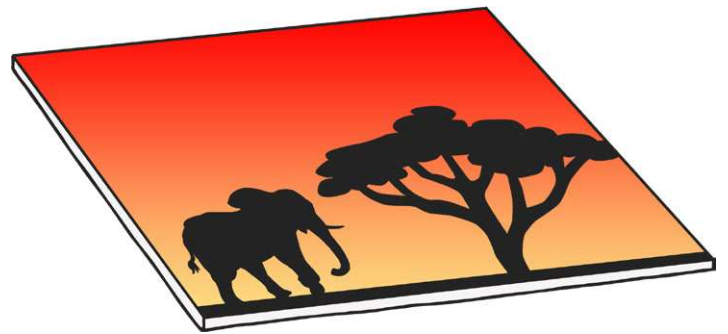
African Animals Sunset Art

Adult Guidance

This is an excellent art activity for children which includes many different skills such as colour mixing and producing silhouettes whilst learning about African animals.

You will need:

- Thick A3 paper (lining paper works well)
- Yellow, red and orange paint
- Brushes and palettes for mixing
- Black card or sugar paper
- Scissors
- Glue



Instructions:

- Using yellow and red paint, demonstrate painting a thick, yellow stripe horizontally onto the bottom of the paper. Explain to the children that they only need a small amount of red paint on their brush to mix into the yellow.
- Paint the next stripe of orange paint. Show children how to gradually add more red into the yellow and each time paint a horizontal stripe onto the paper until you have created a sunset!
- Leave to dry.
- You can either cut out one of the animal silhouettes provided or children could create their own animal silhouettes using black card or sugar paper. Animal stencils can be useful too or children could print out an animal picture from the Internet and draw around it. Model how to create a silhouette, drawing attention to the basic outline of the animal without any facial features.
- When the sunset is dry, attach the silhouettes with glue. Children could add mountains, trees, water or even people.

This activity can also work well using pastels and introducing children to shading and blending the pastels using their fingers to get different shades. The silhouettes could be made using charcoal.