This is an excellent craft for children to develop their fine motor skills while exploring various sensory experiences in a creative and meaningful way. In transforming their handprints into animals, children are encouraged to use their visual perception skills and their imagination, thus, further developing flexibility in problem solving. This activity also allows them to integrate their senses into the process as they visualize and produce artwork. Children who respond comfortably to sensory experiences may enjoy feeling the paint on their hand and share their observation about its texture and pressing the paint on the page feels like.

Materials
- Paint – assorted colors, depending on color preferences of the child for the animals they want to create. *Note: Washable paint would be best choice. However, if no washable paint available, add a squirt or two of liquid dishwashing detergent to paint for easier clean-up."
- Paint brush
- Paper
- Markers
- Other decorative items of your choosing (e.g., feathers, glitter, collage materials)
Directions:
Step 1: Get a piece of paper and think of the animal you would like to make. (Need inspiration? The link provided at the end gives examples of animals children could create.)
Step 2: Plan how your animal will look like and choose the paint color you would like to use to make your animal. Remember: you can mix paint colors to create the color you have in mind.
Step 3: Plan what parts of your hand you need to paint to make your animal. Which hand? Do you need to paint part of your arm too?
Step 4: Take a paintbrush and paint your hand so every finger and the palm are covered in paint. Paint part of your arm too if that is part of your plan.
Step 5: Decide how you would like to position your animal on your paper. Then, press your hand (and other body parts) firmly on the piece of paper and gently remove it once the paint has transferred to the paper.
Step 6: Wash your hands (and other painted parts of your body) and wait for the paint to dry.
Step 7: Once the paint has dried, it is time to decorate your animal! Feel free to use paint, markers, or other decorative methods to make your animal come alive with the unique features you have imagined. You can also add in a habitat for your animal to show where the animal might live.

Step 6: Once your child has completed the craft, talk about why they chose this animal and what they found easy or hard about the craft. Feel free to also ask questions like: Did you like the feeling of paint between your fingers? Was it hard to decide on an animal? Where do you think this animal lives and what do they eat? Can you make the sound this animal makes?

Want to do more? Go ahead and make more animal friends!

Source Link: https://www.craftymorning.com/fun-zoo-animal-handprint-crafts-kids/
(This website can be used to get more ideas on the types of animals you can make out of your handprint!)