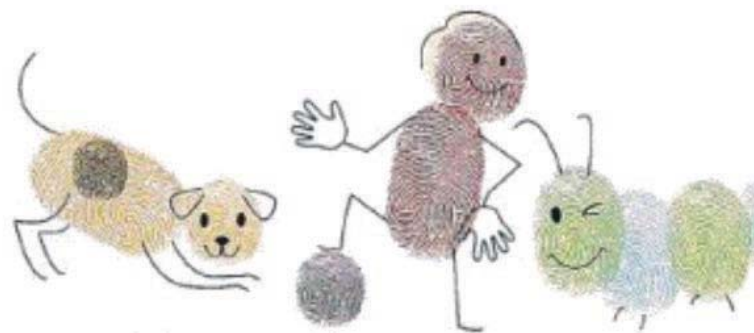




# Let's Make It!

## FINGERPRINT ANIMALS



Sometimes when you want to make something, but you don't know where to start, it's fun to begin with a prompt. A prompt is a place to begin, or a suggestion for a first step. You may choose a color to start with (for example, find several things that are green), or a location (start with the planet Jupiter), or a material (paperclips). You can use a prompt for writing, or an art project, or playing a game, or as the basis for a skit or a story!

You can try this project that uses fingerprints as a prompt!

### You Will Need:

- one hand (probably your own, but a friend's will work, as long as that person is OK with it!)
- one or more ink pads (the kind you use for stamping)
- a pen or pencil
- some paper (any kind will do)

Start by pressing a finger onto the stamp pad and then onto the paper.

Then take your pen/pencil and turn your fingerprint into an animal! You can add skin or fur patterns, a face, a tail...

Try using more than one print for each creature. What happens if you print several prints?

Can you connect them to make one creature?

Can you make real animals? Extinct animals? Can you make up your own creatures?

Where will this prompt take you?

This activity provided by the Grand Rapids Children's Museum.

