

On Safari

Materials

book about safari animals
plastic sunglasses (one pair for each child)
black paint
paintbrushes
black and white feathers
glue
large blanket
stuffed safari animals

What to do

1. Read and discuss a book about safari animals.
2. Give each child a pair of plastic sunglasses (preferably white). Put newspaper and black paint on the worktable. Show the children how to paint black "zebra" stripes on the glasses. When the paint is dry, the children can glue black and white feathers on the top of the frames.
3. Go on a pretend safari trip. Spread a big blanket on the floor (if possible, find one with leopard or zebra stripes). Ask the children to sit on the blanket. Put a few large stuffed safari animals (zebra, lion, leopard, and giraffe) near the blanket.
4. As the children sit on the blanket, narrate a story about a safari.

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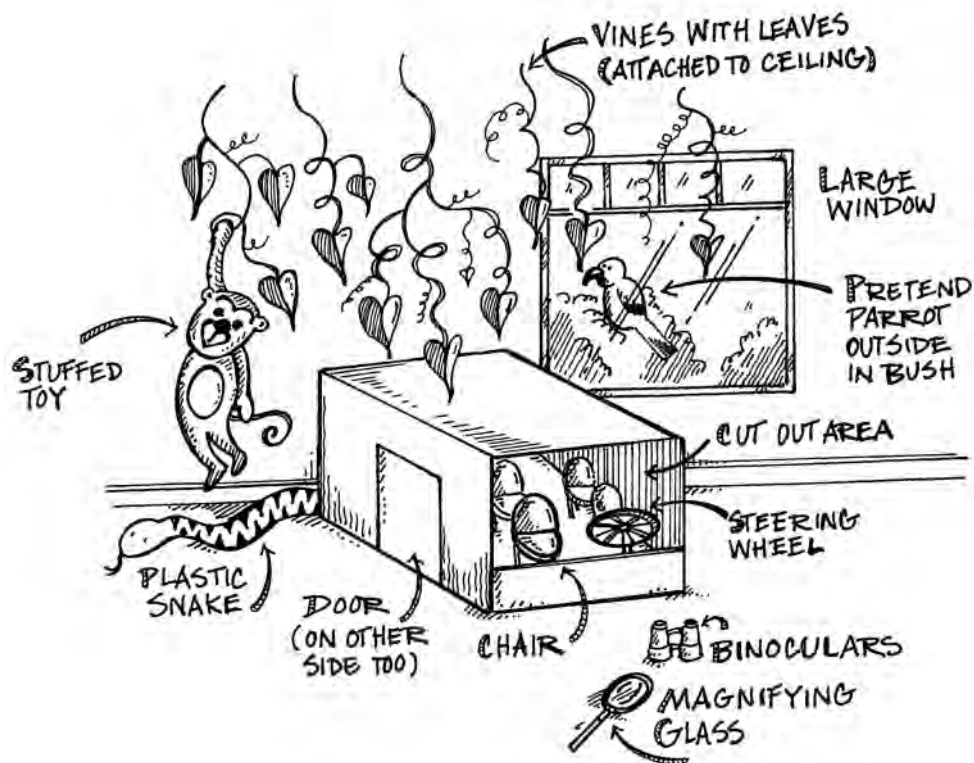
Safari Exploration Center

Materials

brown and green bulletin board paper
variety of stuffed jungle animals
plastic bugs
large appliance box
craft knife (adult only)
chairs
steering wheel
cassette player and rainforest sounds tape
safari hats
binoculars
magnifying glasses
bug containers with tweezers
real or pretend cameras

What to do

1. If possible, set up this center next to a large window.
2. Twist brown bulletin board paper to resemble vines, and cut out large leaves from green bulletin board paper. Attach the vines and leaves to the ceiling and walls.
3. Put stuffed animals and plastic bugs around the "jungle" and hang some from the ceiling. If desired, place some of the bugs in the bushes outside the window.
4. Cut off one side of a large box and cut doors in two sides to make a safari "jeep." Place chairs and a steering wheel inside of the jeep.
5. Turn on a tape or CD of "rainforest sounds."
6. Encourage the children to put on safari hats and become explorers in the center. They can use binoculars or magnifying glasses to look at the "jungle creatures." Children can "capture" some bugs and put them in bug containers to examine them more closely.
7. If desired, provide a camera (or pretend camera) for children to photograph the jungle.
8. Sit back and watch and listen to their imaginations unfolding as they explore their safari center.



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