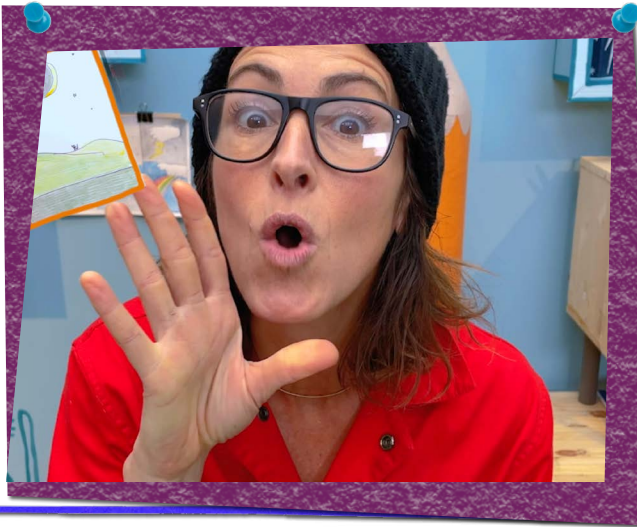


Howling Wolf

EPISODE LENGTH: 14:25



SUMMARY: After a quick inside weather check, we take a kid request from Nico in Mexico, and draw...a howling wolf! We combine shapes like a circle, cone, and rectangle to create a wolf, and then add a background using different colors and shading. Dr. Laurel, Expert Animal, visits and shares not-so-breaking-but-still-fascinating news about wolves. After a show where we share our work, Suso is impressed. Weather = sunny!

SUPPLIES: paper, pen/pencil, coloring materials (crayons, markers, watercolors)

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING: integrating personal and social identities, developing a sense of purpose

CASEL COMPETENCIES: self-awareness, self-management

CREATIVE SKILLS: fine and gross motor skills (drawing, coloring), basic shapes, composition, scale



Guiding Questions:

- In this episode we used circle, oval, and cone shapes to create the wolf's face and body. How might you combine shapes and lines to make other kinds of animals?
- Wolves make a howling noise when they are lost and trying to find their family. How do you stay connected with your family?

Key Moments:

00:45 Do an Inside Weather check to get started (WendyMac has the sillies and the windies).

1:59 We go to the kid request line and hear from Nico in Mexico, who wants to draw a wolf (in Spanish).

2:35 Shake it out and then begin to draw a wolf, starting with some basic shapes.

7:14 WendyMac says, "If you don't want to draw a wolf, and you just want to draw your own thing, that's ok!"

9:46 Dr. Laurel, Expert Animal, shares some amazing information about wolves.

13:13 A final Inside Weather check.

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Book recommendations:

- ***I Cannot Draw a Horse*** — by Sharise Mericle Harper
We love this engaging, funny picture book that reads like a graphic novel and breathes imagination into the drawing process. It shows us that all drawings are collections of recognizable shapes put together to create something new. And yet...why are horses so impossible?!
- ***Never Let a Unicorn Scribble*** — by Diane Alber
An early-reader book in the spirit of Harold and the Purple Crayon, this story demonstrates how beautiful — and magical — a little scribbling can be especially in the hands (hooves?) of a unicorn! It's a great reminder to embrace our silly, unique selves and to draw anything we want.



Older Kid Riff: A Pack, a Group, a Story

Use simple shapes to draw another group of animals. Instead of a pack of wolves, you could create a colony of ants. A pod of dolphins. A pandemonium of parrots. Definitely make sure you research the correct name for your animal group (there are so many good ones out

there!). Then, try your hand at creating a story for your group. Add in speech or thought bubbles, create frames as you'd find in a comic book or graphic novel, and give your group its own special narrative story.

Activities and Explorations



PODCAST CONNECTION: MYSTERY ANIMAL! is a great way to practice listening and surprise yourself with what animal you draw! (page 71)

ACTIVITY: CREATE YOUR OWN ANIMAL MASK, inspired by your own favorite animal friends

EXPLORE MORE: get to know wolves, and how they communicate



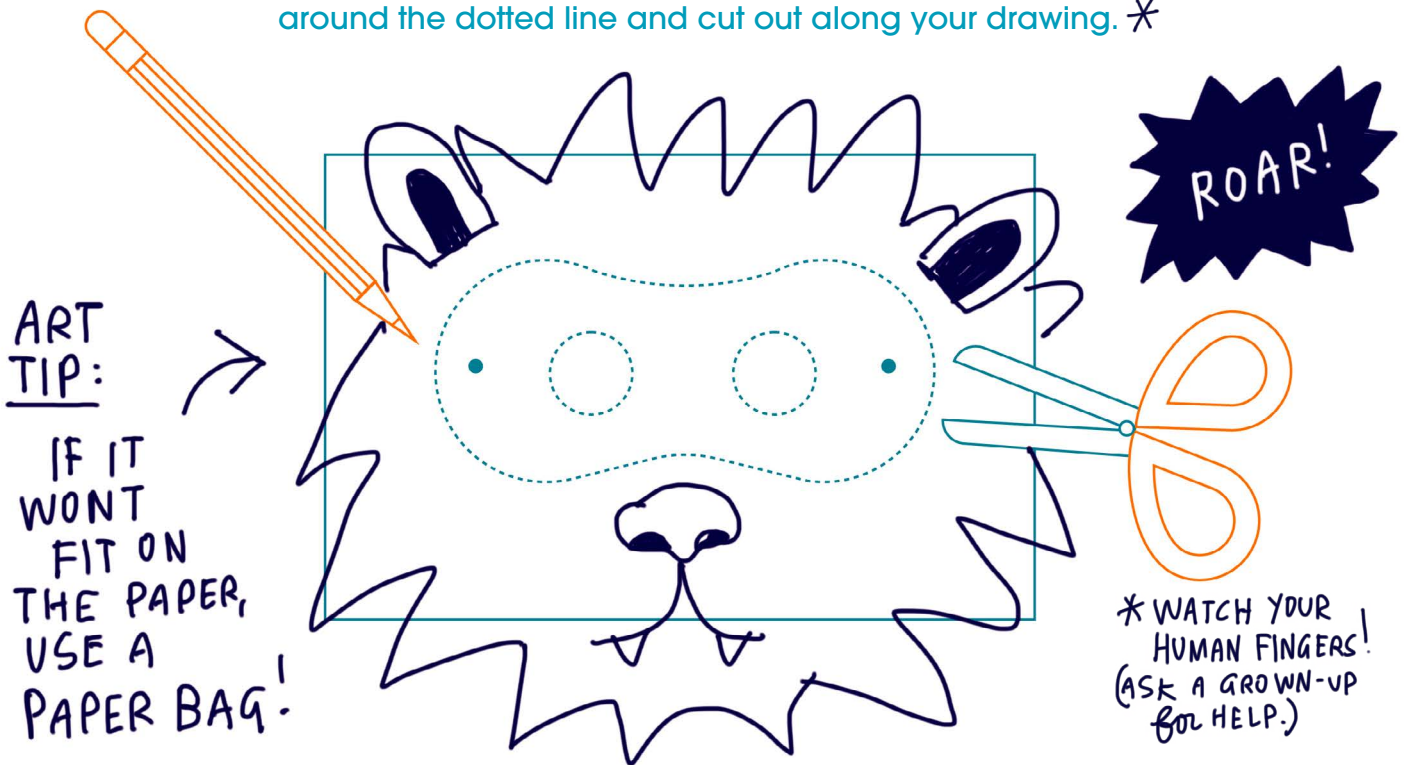


LET'S MAKE AN ANIMAL MASK

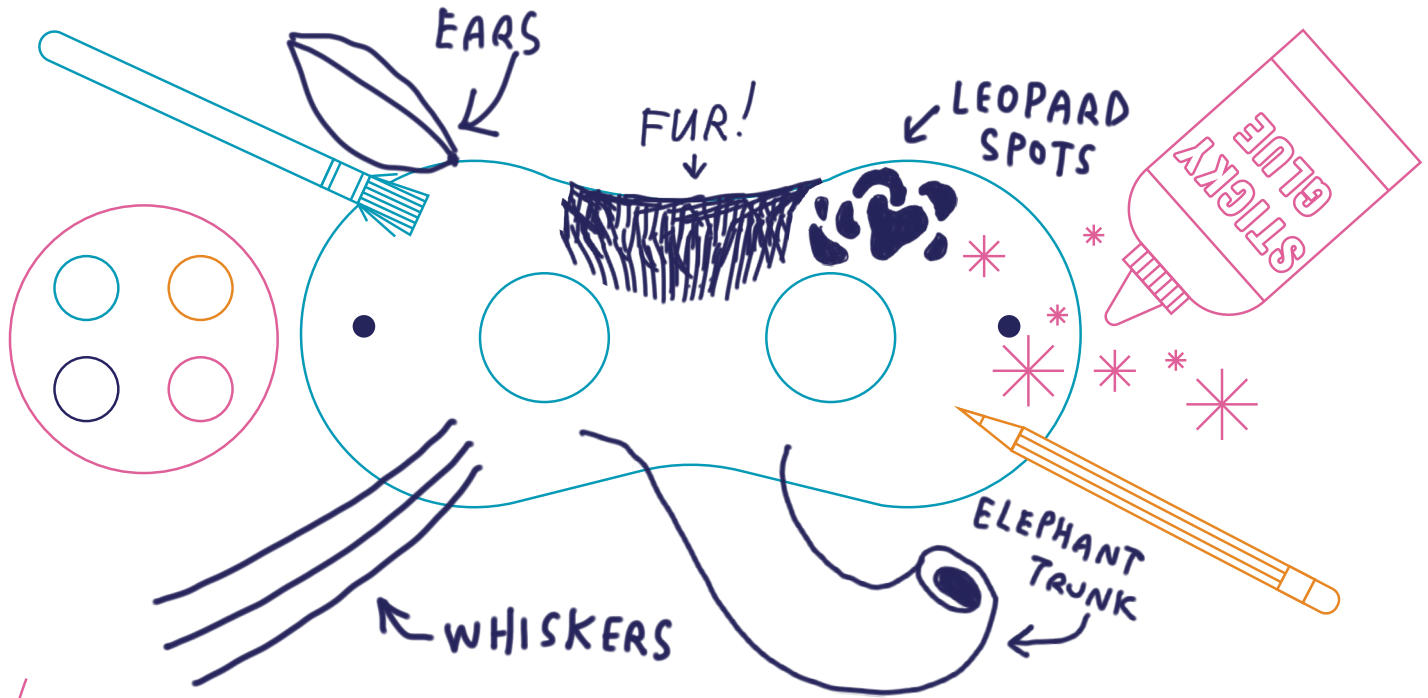
Sometimes you just want to dress up as an animal. Creating a mask is an easy and fun way to do that. This activity will help you create a mask for the top half of your face...the rest is up to you!



Print out the template on the last page and draw the shape you want for your mask around the dotted line and cut out along your drawing. *



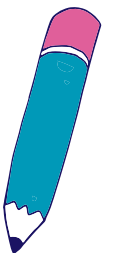
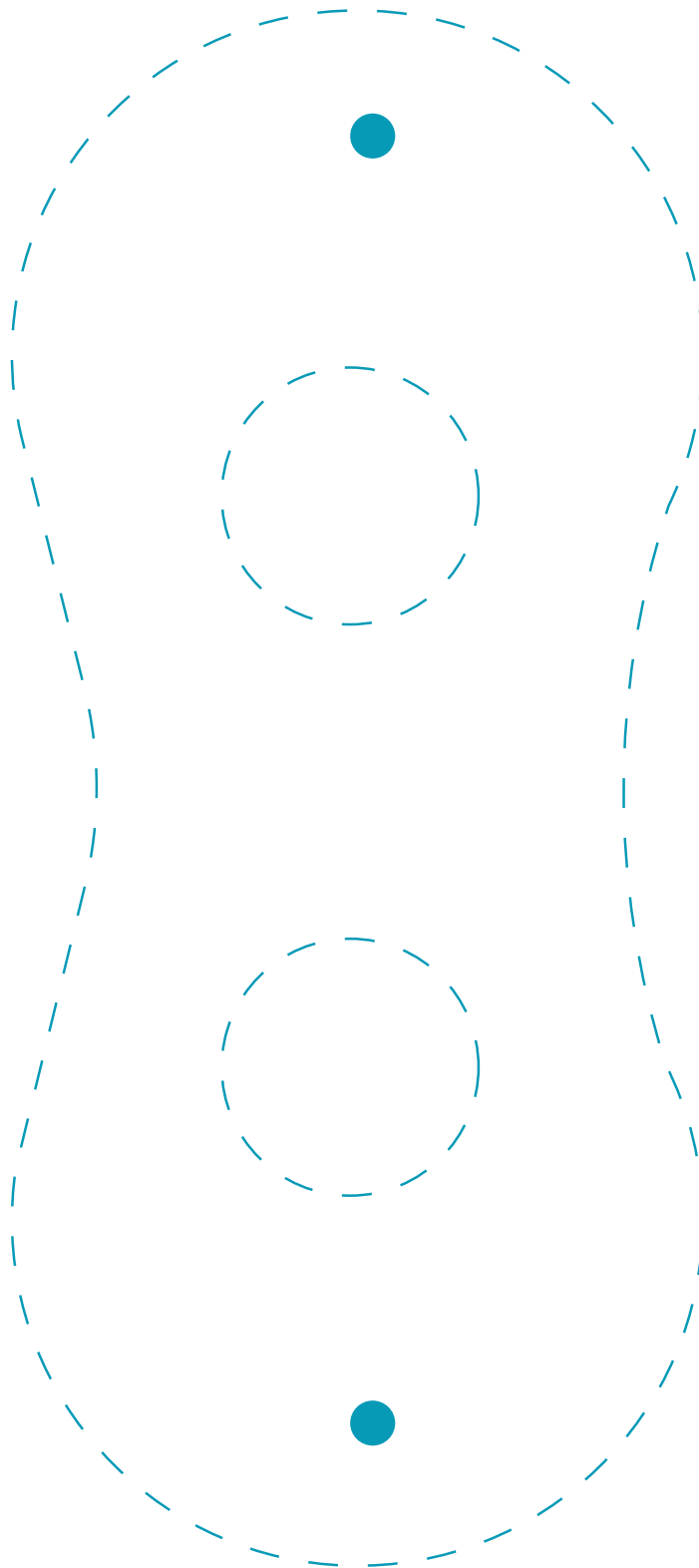
Flip your mask over so the dotted line is on the back and decorate your mask. You can draw on it with pencils, markers or paint on it with paints. You can even glue things to it, like bits of paper or glitter.



Using the point of your pencil, punch a hole where the dots are on the mask template. Measure some string to make sure it is the right length for your head and tie it through the holes. You can use tape to secure the string. Try on your mask and howl!!!



MASK TEMPLATE



Share your mask with us! Send pictures of your work to submissions@drawtogether.studio

Get to Know Wolves



Did you know?

- 1) Wolves howl to communicate. That is how they chat over long distances.
- 2) Wolves mate for life, meaning they stay with one partner.
- 3) Wolves are social and like to be part of a pack, with a core group of wolf friends.

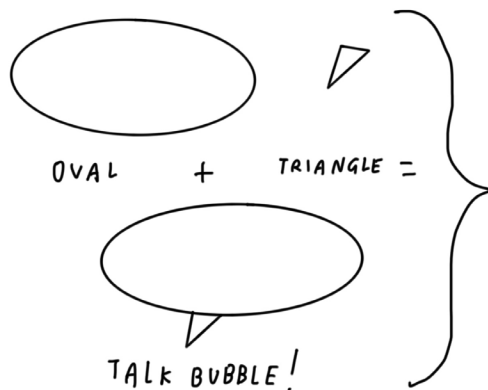


Wolves like to chat over long distances.



Wolves are social & like to be part of a pack.

When you look at your drawing from this episode, what do you think your wolf is communicating? Try making a talk bubble out of a triangle and a circle to share what your wolf is saying. You might even want to add a friend and make it a conversation!



Dr. Laurel, Expert Animal



When **DR. LAUREL BRAITMAN** isn't helping us learn about the wild animal kingdom, she's a writer, teacher, farmer and caretaker of chickens and peacocks. She's the author of *The New York Times*-bestselling book **ANIMAL MADNESS**, teaches at Stanford University, and gave one of the **ALL-TIME BEST TALKS** on the mental health benefits of storytelling for health care workers. (And you thought Dr. Laurel was just a llama head in a monkey suit!)

Three questions for Dr. Laurel:

How did you get so interested in animals?

"I had a baby donkey that sometimes my parents let me run around the house with. I also had a pet rabbit named Violetta Mimi and chickens and peacocks and a pony named Midnight who was very grouchy and a parrot named Pepper who was also very grouchy but could sing the Mexican hat dance and also the happy birthday song. All of these animals were my friends even though some of them also tried to bite me sometimes. I just liked spending time with them and I got curious about the kinds of things they might be thinking about."



We hear you've organized concerts for animals. Tell us a little more!

"Do you know that we're not the only animals to like music? **HERE IS AN EXAMPLE OF A CONCERT WE DID FOR WOLVES** a few years ago with the awesome band Black Prairie. We weren't sure if the wolves would like it, but I think they did. I've also thrown concerts for sea lions, buffalo, gorillas and a lonely donkey."

We drew unlikely animal friends this week (like KoKo and Allball, our fave gorilla & cat pair). Any other interspecies friendships we should know about?

"So many! My favorite might be racehorses who have pigs and goats for companions. Often, they'll refuse to go into their travel trailer unless their animal friend is with them. But as I also said in the show, we humans are good examples of interspecies friends — at least those of us who have pet dogs or cats or hamsters or grouchy parrots."