

# Art

## Camouflage and pattern



Many animals at the zoo use colour and pattern to help them hide. From tiny lizards hiding in the leaves of the jungle to powerful lions in the dry grass of the savannah, camouflage is important for survival.

Can you draw an animal, and then colour or paint it so that it looks completely hidden in its habitat?

Henri Rousseau painted stunning pictures of tigers hunting in the rainforest. He had never visited a jungle, so he went to greenhouses (like our Reptile Tropics) and looked in books to get ideas.



*Tiger in a Tropical Storm*,  
Henri Rousseau, 1891

### Urban Camouflage

What would a chameleon look like if it was found in a fairground?

Could an elephant hide against a concrete factory?

Draw an animal in a habitat that is different from its natural home, and then colour it so that it will be camouflaged for its new home.

