



## Create Your Own Zoo Animals

Going to the zoo is so much fun! A zoo is a place where animals are cared for so people can come to see them. Study your favorite animal and become a zookeeper. Create your favorite animal display.

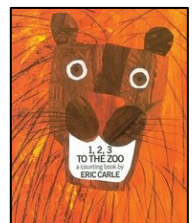
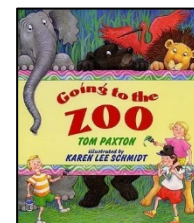
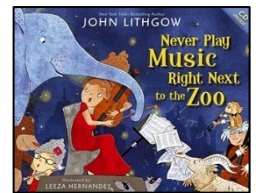


### Materials:

- Recycled foam tray *\*\*hole punch optional*
- Black String *\*\*optional*
- White paper/construction paper
- Glue
- Tape

### Directions:

1. Consider reading books about animals that live at the zoo. Suggestions:
  - *Never Play Music Right Next to the Zoo* by John Lithgow
  - *Going to the Zoo* by Tom Paxton
  - *1, 2, 3 To the Zoo* by Eric Carle
2. Have a conversation about visiting the zoo with your Clover Kid.
3. Create a list of animals you can see at the zoo. Have the Clover Kid circle their favorite animal.
4. Draw or print out a picture of your favorite zoo animal.
5. Design items you would find in your favorite zoo animal's habitat using construction paper (bushes, trees, etc.).



6. Glue your zoo animal and habitat on the foam tray.  
Let dry.



7. **\*\*Optional:** This can complete your habitat or you can add more details to it. String can be added by punching holes about an inch apart across the top and bottom of your tray. Then lace the string through the holes and secure on the back. There are many creative possibilities!



**Helpful Tips:**

- Look online for "How to Draw" examples of your favorite zoo animals.
- Consider including more than one animal in your habitat.
- Don't forget to put your name on the back.

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