

# INTO THE WILD

## TURN OUR ANIMAL FIGURINES

INTO A  
HOUSEFUL  
OF UTTERLY  
UNEXPECTED  
DÉCOR  
& MORE

Use caution  
when working with  
sharp tools.

Candles are for  
decoration only.

*Do not leave  
flame unattended.*



## Crafting with Animal Figures

{CREATIVE INSPIRATIONS *free* FROM HOBBY LOBBY®}



## « DO OR DINO

We're all for embellishments that would make a zookeeper scratch his head—like blue paint and a top hat made from a cork stopper. To hang from a chain: Drill a hole to accommodate a small eye screw.

Then squirt glue into the hole, push the screw into place, and let the glue dry.

## » OH, BUFFALO

Want to earn a pile of extra quirk points? Saw an animal figurine in half, embellish each side as desired, and glue to a set of simple homemade bookends (mini slate chalkboards glued to halves of a birch bark round).

**Tip:** Try a neutral paint job to dial down the kookiness.



## HEAD SPACE »

We sawed down a trio of antlered animal figurines (*right at the shoulders*) to make this conversation-starting piece. Then we painted them on a hand-stenciled wooden picture frame. A little craft mirror, glued to where the photo would go—and a jewelry organizer was born.



## « I'M GAME

Try this roar-worthy twist on classic tic-tac-toe. It starts with a bare wooden tray—just paint as desired, and mark off the squares with designer tape. Now choose animal figurines to represent the X's and the O's. Paint them as desired, and let the games begin!

## PULL THROUGH »

This toy-inspired trinket box is topped with a zebra that's traded her stripes for a yummy pink-and-gold paint job. The box is paper-maché, the wheels are wooden (*Crafts Department*), and the pull is made from baker's twine and chunky wooden beads. Lid embellishment: designer tape.





## VASE IN POINT

These prancers are decked from hoof to head for this unexpected display. They're modified with paint, two kinds of fancy trim (*Fabric Department*), gold ribbon and miniature glass jars.



## « TAIL SPIN

Here's a smile-inducing take on specimen art: Glue joyfully embellished animal figurines into a shadowbox. And...done!



# ANIMAL

## CANDLEHOLDER

(FROM COVER)

### SUPPLIES:

- Animal figurine
- Round wood beads (3/4")
- Round wood beads (1")
- Wood circle plaque (4")
- Wood circle plaque (5")
- Dowel rod (1/8")
- Gold metallic acrylic paint
- Mint green acrylic paint
- Heavy-duty craft glue
- Paintbrushes
- Cutting pliers
- Marker
- Ruler



### STEP 1:

Mark animal's back and both wood circle plaques for drilling. Then drill parallel holes at marks—these holes will need to be large enough to accommodate the dowel rod.

### STEP 2:

Paint plaques, beads and dowel with mint green acrylic paint. Paint animal figurine with gold metallic acrylic paint. Let all paint dry.



### STEP 3:

Add detail to animal figurine with mint green acrylic paint. Let dry.



### STEP 4:

Place dot of glue in larger plaque's drill hole. Then position animal on plaque and push dowel through animal and plaque. Stack beads on dowel, and trim dowel with pliers as needed. Then place smaller plaque on dowel, gluing to secure.



Place this  
**PARTY ANIMAL**

in a prominent spot—  
and wait for the conversation  
to begin. When they ask,  
you can say you made it yourself!

