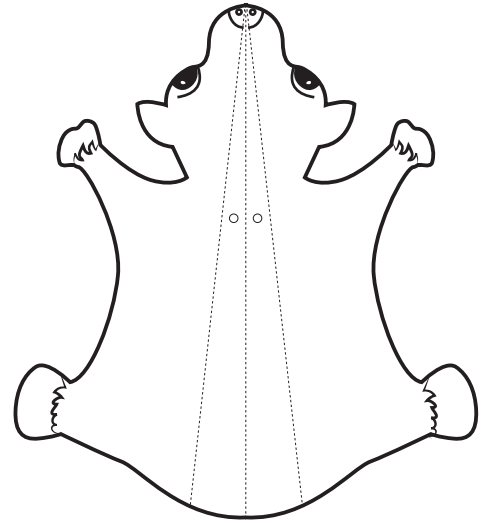


Flying Squirrel Facts & Kite Activity Instructions

Facts:

- Flying squirrels have large eyes that allow them to see with very little light. This is important because they are nocturnal (active at night.) You may never see a flying squirrel in the wild because they are active when you are sleeping!
- Flying Squirrels don't fly – they glide! Using the skin between their front and rear legs, called the patagium (say that 3 times fast!), flying squirrels can glide up over 150 feet and make sharp turns mid-flight.



Kite Activity

Materials:

Markers/Crayons
Scissors
Hole punch
String (3 feet)

Tape
Straw
Ribbon or material for a tail*

**Tip: use a strip of plastic cut from a bag or snack bag. They're both colorful and durable. Bonus - you're reusing!*

Instructions

Step 1: Color and cut out your squirrel

Step 2: Fold squirrel in half along the solid line so the top/colored side is inside

Step 3: Fold squirrel legs and sides out along the dotted lines creating a fin under the squirrel

Step 4: Punch a hole on the fin at the dots and thread the straw through the hole

Step 5: Trim the straw to fit the width of the squirrel arms and tape the ends to the squirrel.

Step 6: Loop your string around the straw support and tie a knot to secure the string.

Step 7: Add your squirrel tail.

Step 8: Fly!



Nancy



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