

# Savanna Safari

## Flannel Board Pieces

Flannel boards may seem a little old fashioned, but I have always had a few kids in every class that just love them. They used them to retell stories they had heard, to make up their own stories, to make words using flannel letters, make math problems using flannel numbers, and to share what they had learned with the class. Now that most of us have magnetic white boards in our classrooms, the fun is expanded using magnetic paper. Whether magnetic or flannel, your kids will have fun learning more about the African savanna as they play with these colorful, realistic images.



### Preparation Directions:

1. Run off on inkjet canvas, trim, and place in a large labeled manila envelope. (Use the label above right.)
2. OR, run off on cover stock, single sided, laminate, trim, and glue a piece of sand paper or place a rough, sticky back Velcro<sup>®</sup> dot on the back of each piece.

### Uses:

- Tell a story to the class using the pieces.
- Create a setting for a story or report about life on the savanna.
- Use the pieces to introduce plants and animals of the savanna.
- Give small groups a set of pieces and have each group create a story or report to share with the class.
- Put the pieces in a hat. Have one student at a time pull out a piece, then make up a sentence about the item and add it to the board. The sentence could continue a story the group is creating.
- Put the materials at your classroom center or museum for free time play.
- Have each student choose an item and do some research to share with the class.
- Make up a finger play or rhyming jingle using a few of the items.



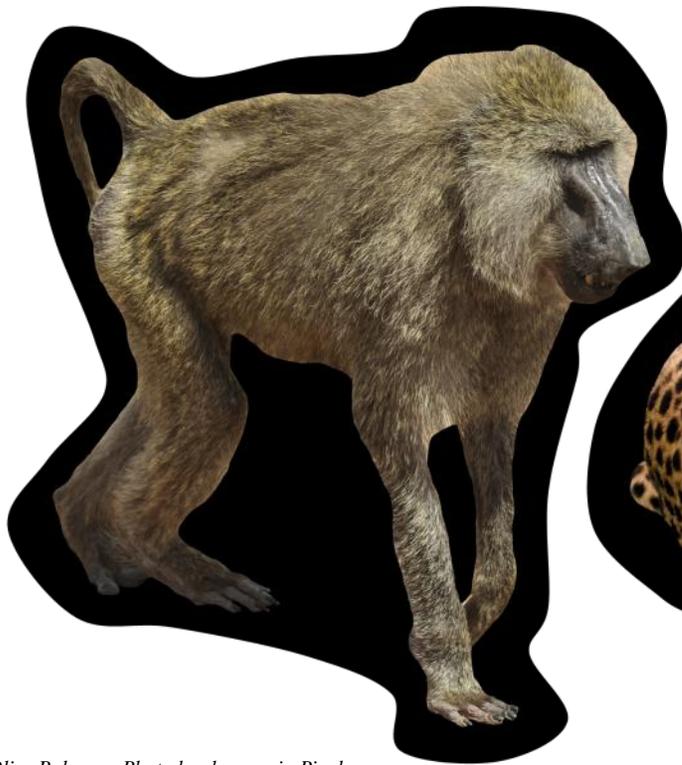
### To make a flannel board:

Buy a piece of felt or flannel large enough to cover a piece of foam board.

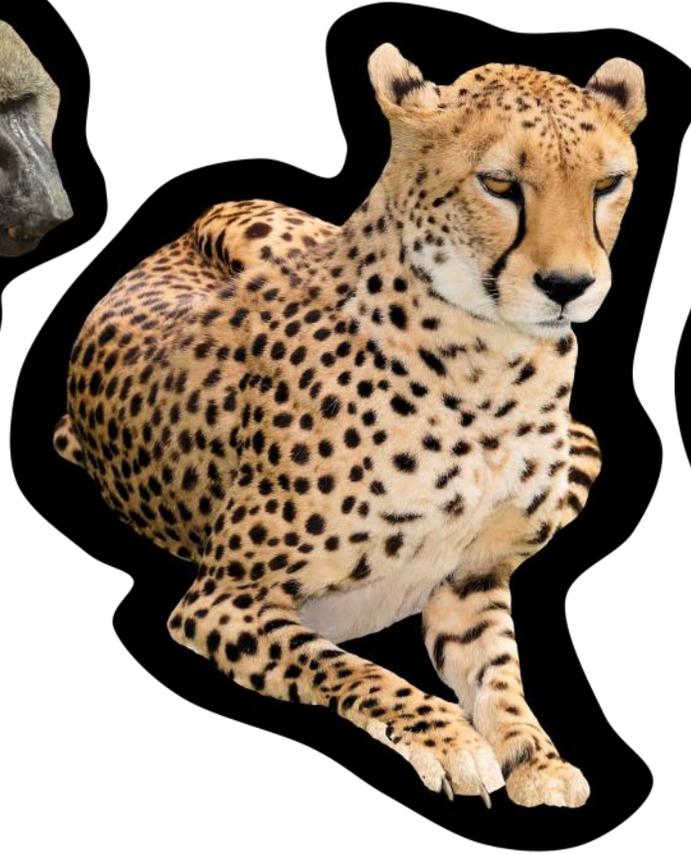
Wrap the foam board with the fabric, and securely tape it to the back.

Glue a piece of poster board to the back of the foam board to cover up the tape. Use hot glue or fabric glue to hold it securely.

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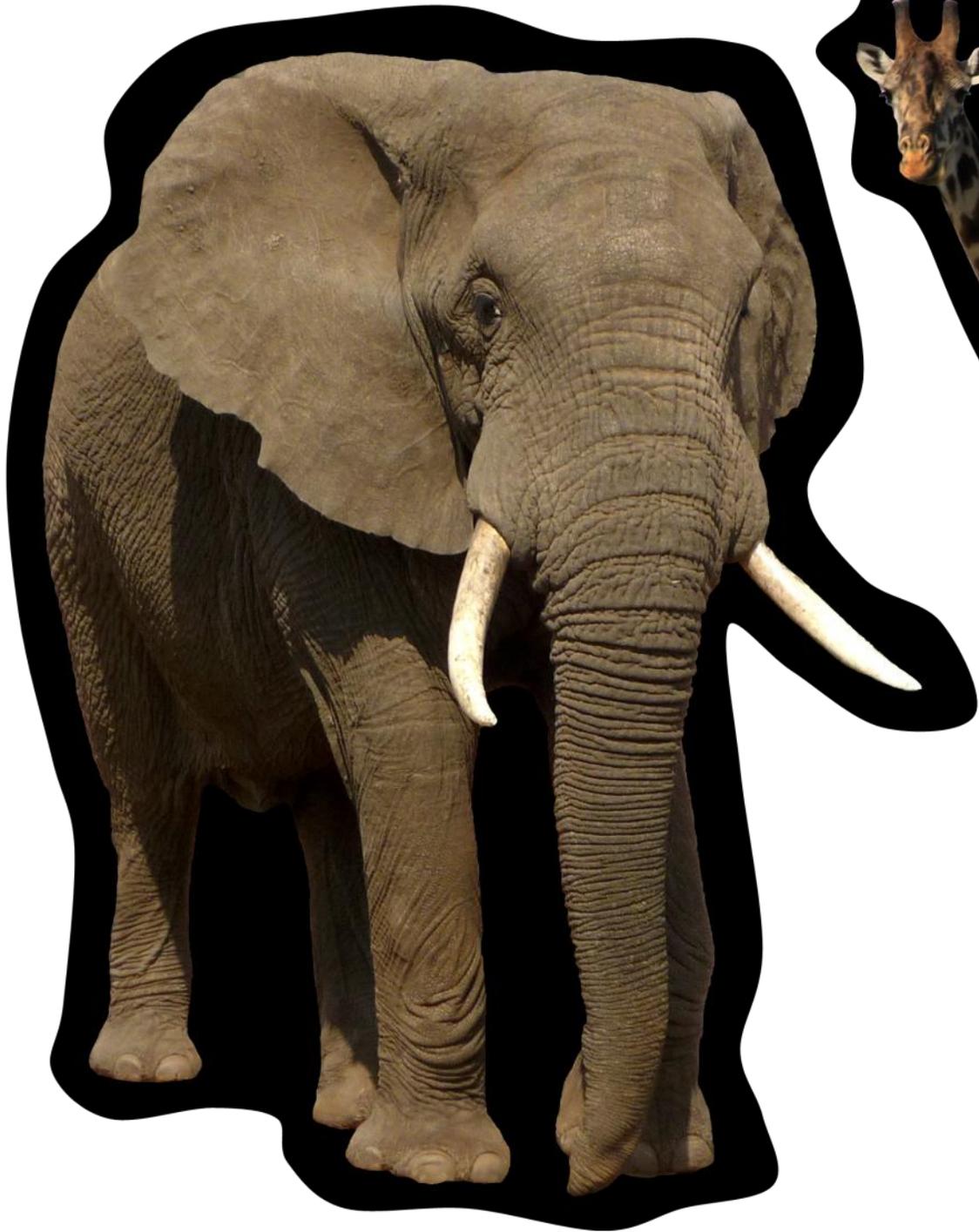
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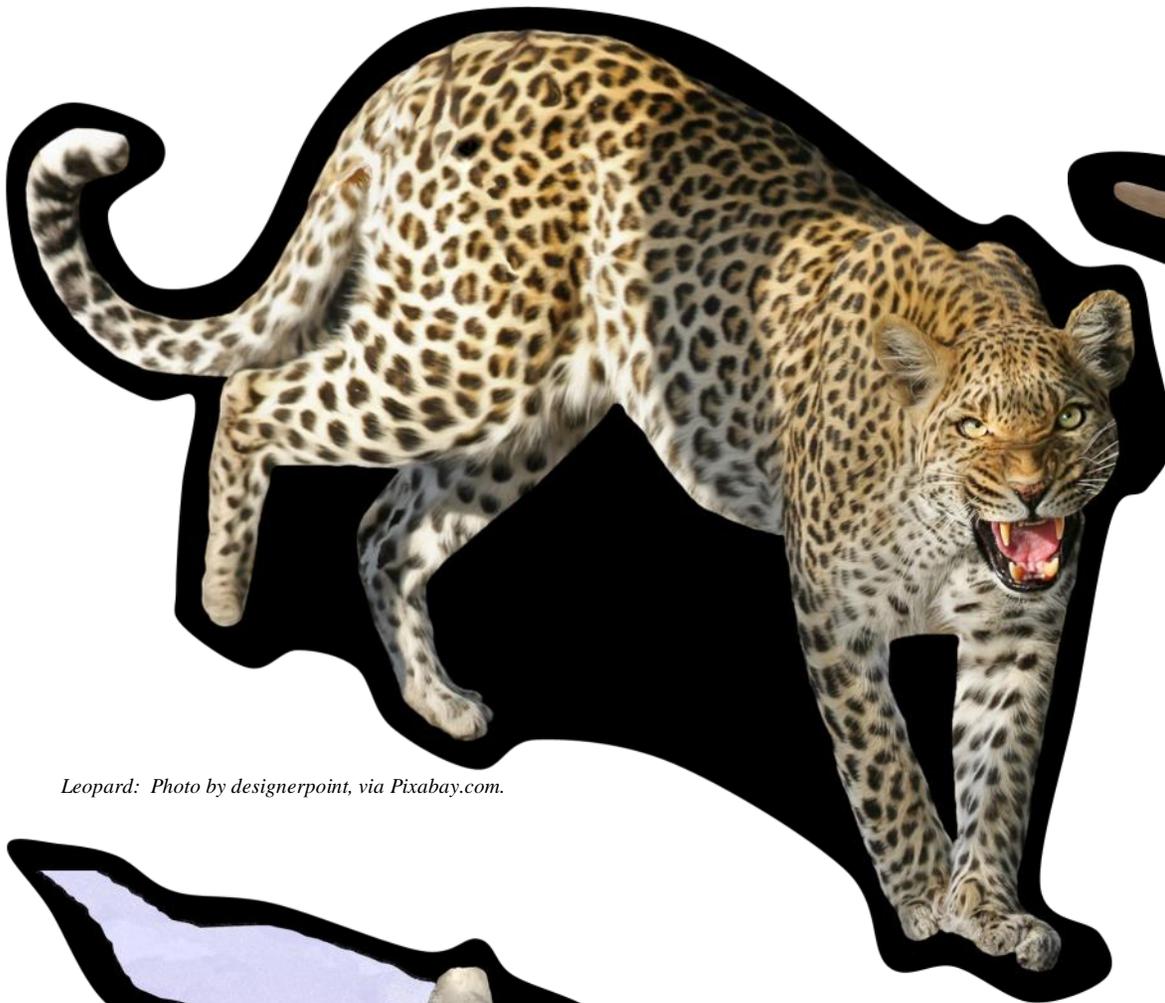
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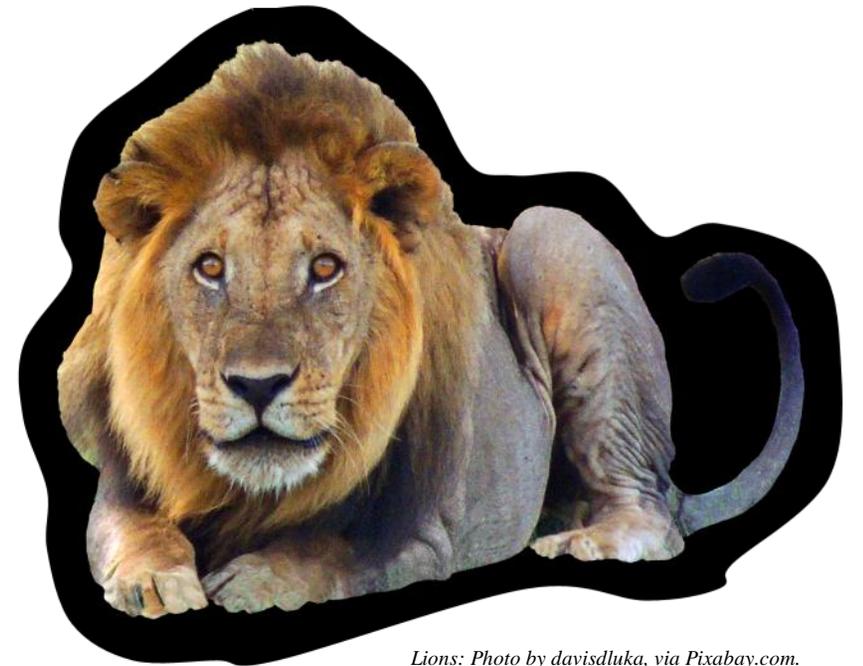
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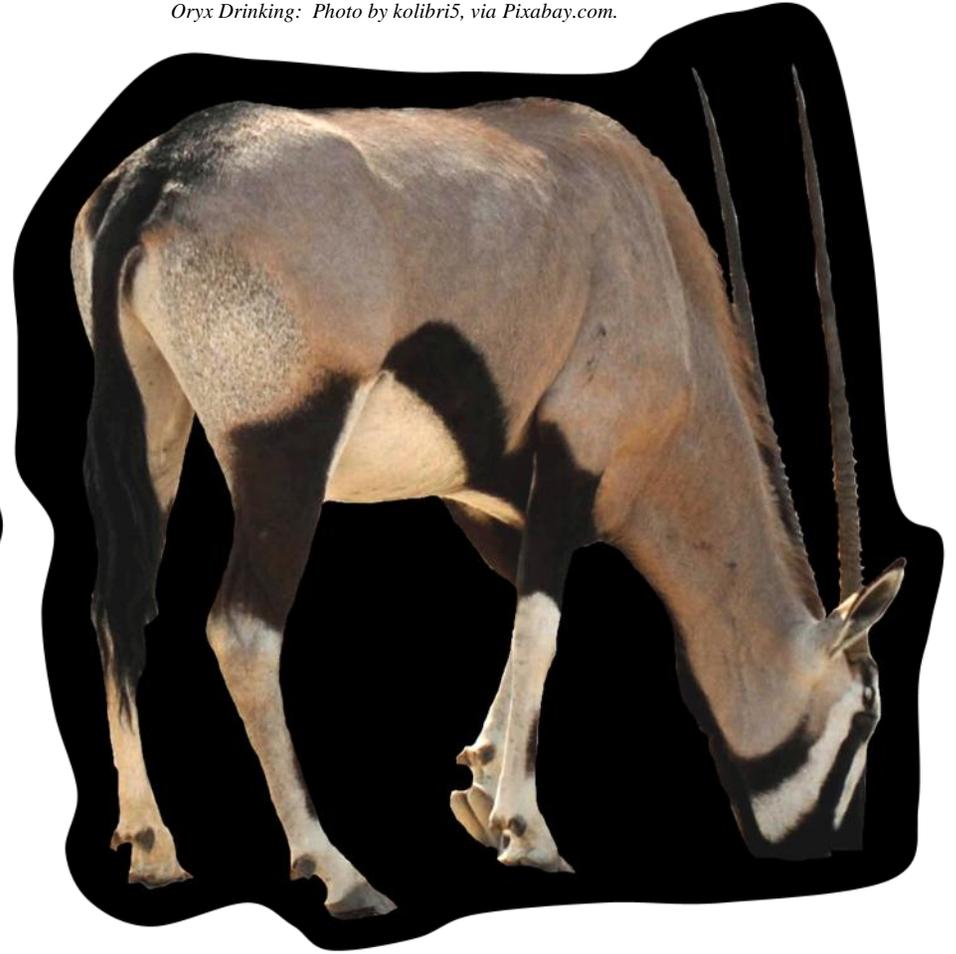


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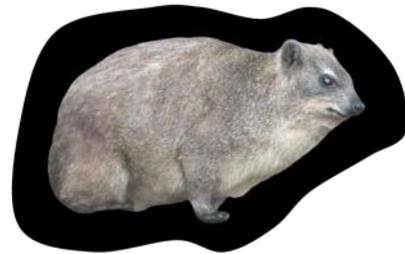
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