

CRITICAL CREATURES

with Troy Emery

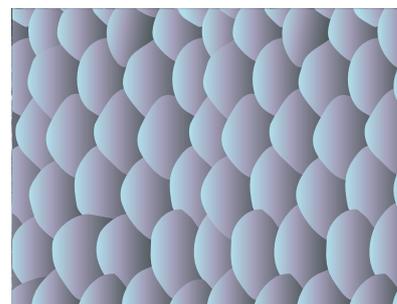
Some animals need our help. Planting trees, recycling and conserving water are some things we can do to care for animals and the environment. Melbourne artist Troy Emery shares a way to show everyone the importance of creatures in this art activity. **Colour, cut and collage an animal face using different animal parts to make your own creature.**

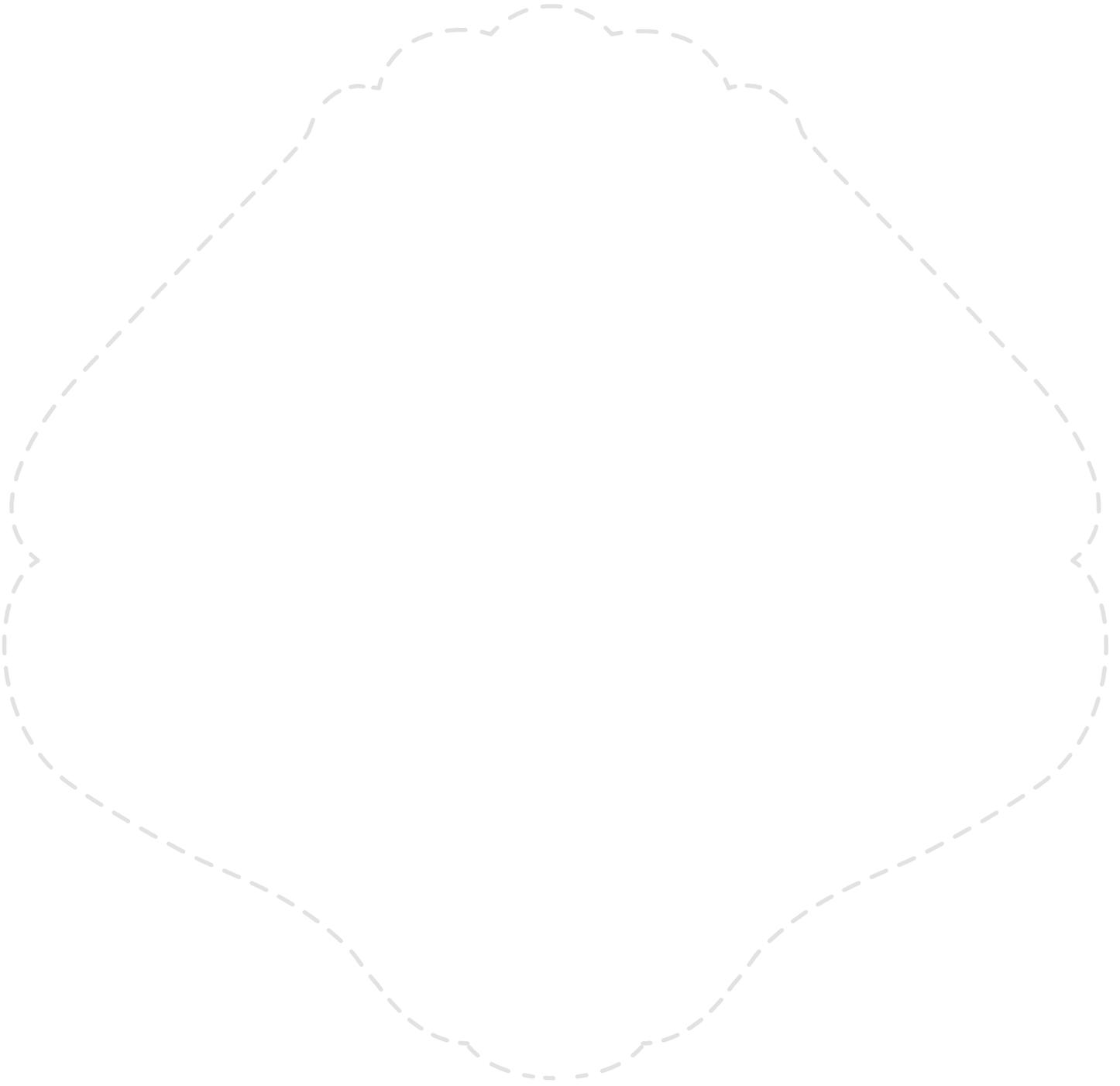
You will need:

- * A colour printout of these animal templates
- * Coloured pencils or markers
- * Scissors
- * Glue
- * Cardboard

Get started

- 1 Choose one of the animal face shapes provided and cut it out.
- 2 Add your favourite animal texture. It could be fur, feathers, scales or anything you like! You will find some ideas below.
- 3 Create a strange new creature by choosing some animal facial features to cut out and stick onto your animal face.
- 4 To make your animal face sturdier, glue it onto some cardboard and cut off the excess.
- 5 Your animal face is ready! You might like to create a handle by taping a pencil or popsicle stick to the back.



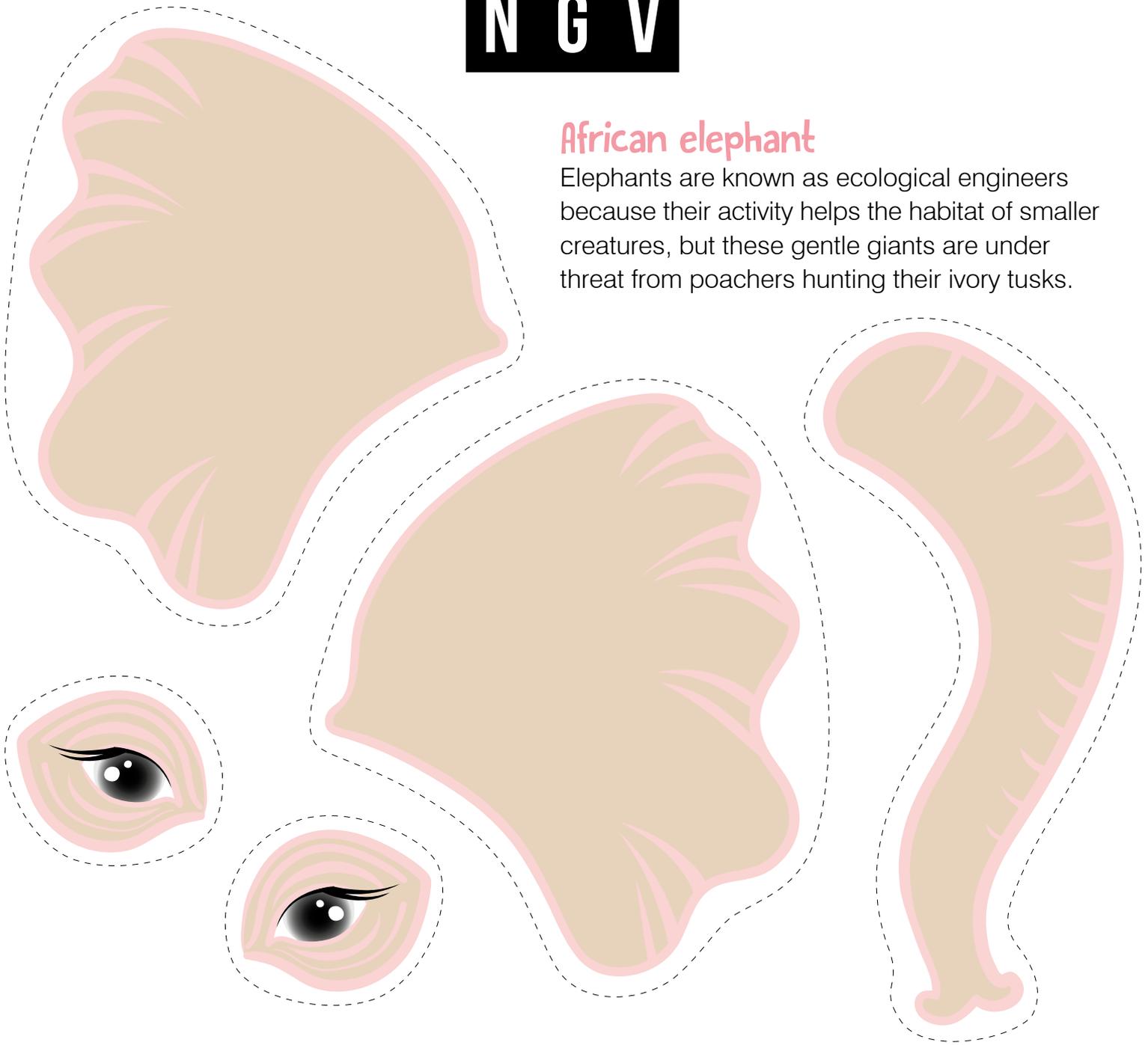


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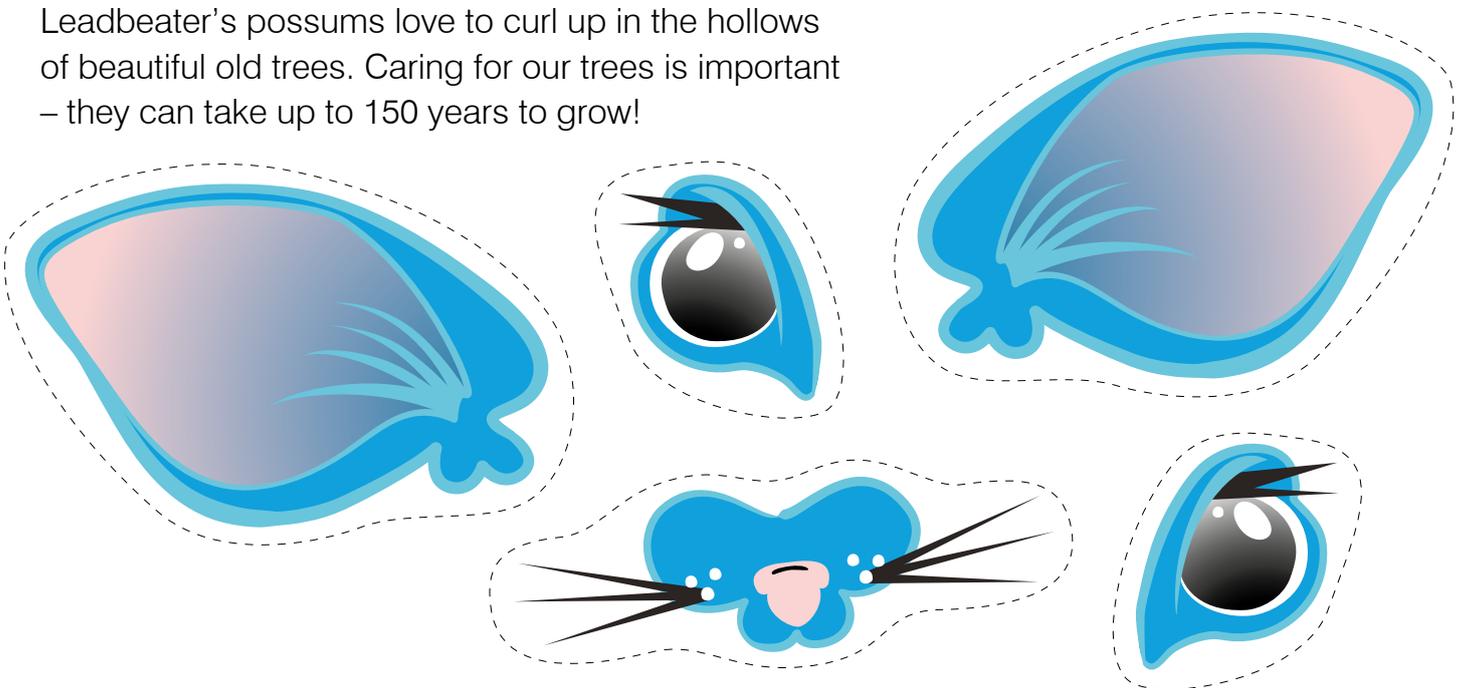
African elephant

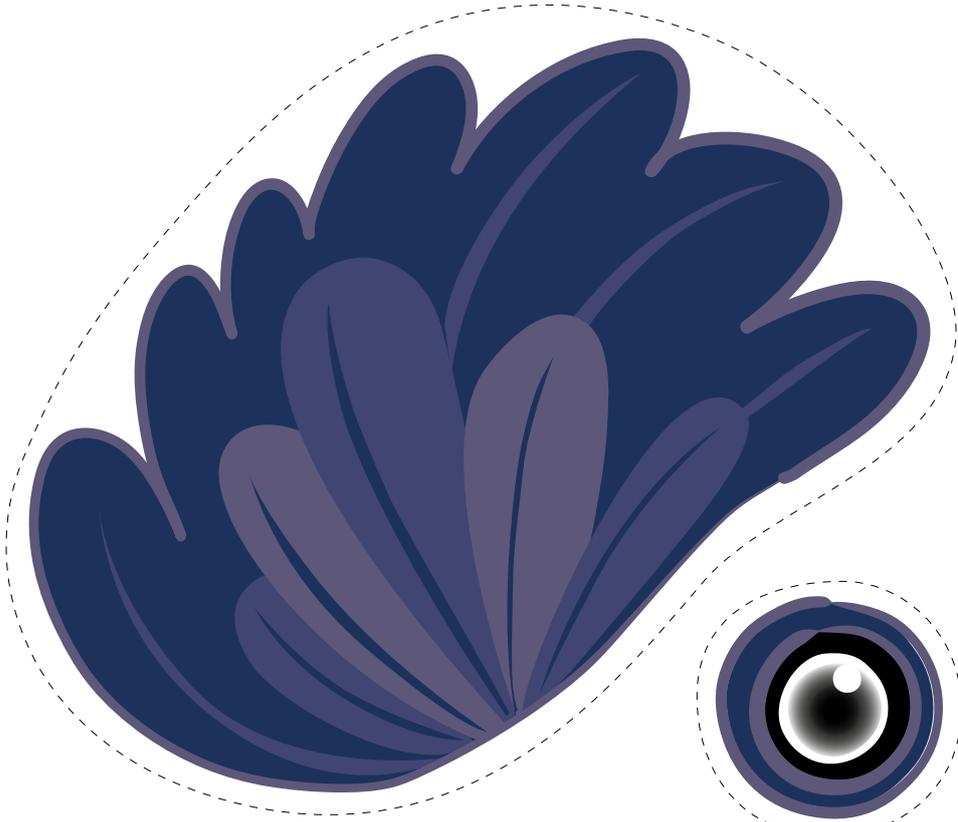
Elephants are known as ecological engineers because their activity helps the habitat of smaller creatures, but these gentle giants are under threat from poachers hunting their ivory tusks.



Leadbeater's possum

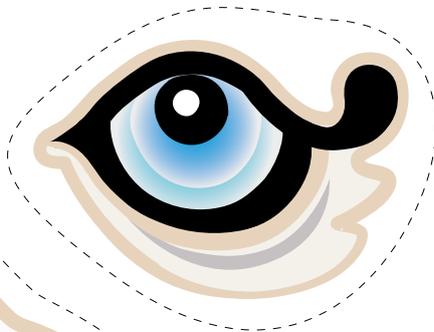
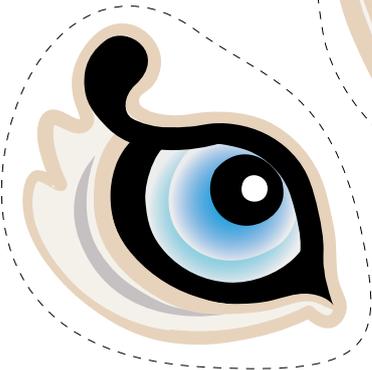
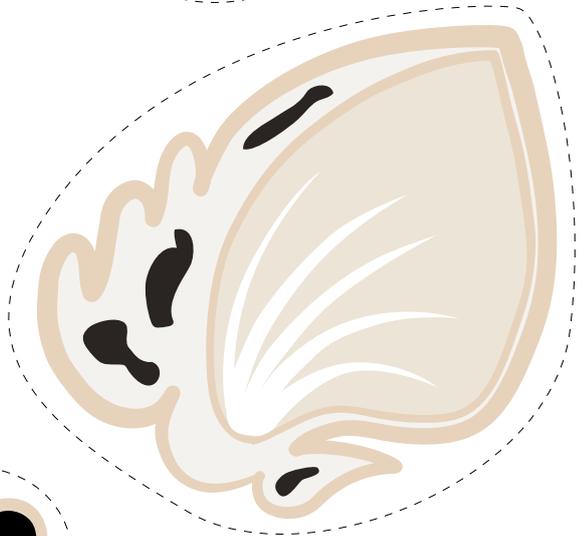
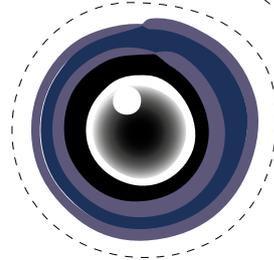
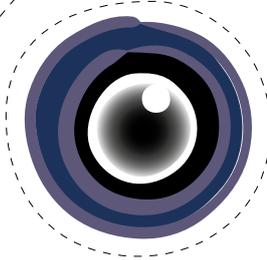
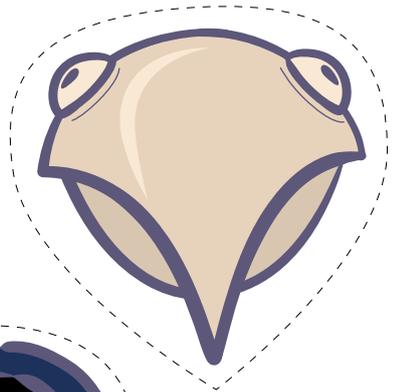
Leadbeater's possums love to curl up in the hollows of beautiful old trees. Caring for our trees is important – they can take up to 150 years to grow!





Red-tailed black cockatoo

Planting brown and desert stringybark trees provides this feathered friend with its favourite seed snack!



Snow leopard

These big cats need lots of room to hunt for prey along rugged mountainsides. New buildings and developments can reduce their habitat and make food hard to find.