

# Crayola.com Inspiring Ideas

## Koala in the Clouds



## Crayola Supplies

- Washable Markers
- Watercolor Brushes
- Washable Watercolors

## Other Supplies

- recycled newspaper
- paper towels
- construction paper
- water containers

## Why?

Koalas are so un-bear-ably cute, they can't be kept Down Under! Discover perspective while climbing a eucalyptus tree with this Aussi marsupial.

## How?

1. What do you know about koalas? Find out more about these appealing animals. Imagine what it would be like to be a koala living up in the clouds in a eucalyptus tree.
2. With Crayola® Washable Markers draw a picture of a koala in a eucalyptus tree. Use the information you learned about these fascinating creatures and where they live.
3. Place your picture on recycled newspaper. To soften your koala's colors, paint over your drawing with a Crayola® Watercolor Brush. To add other colors to the scene, use Crayola® Washable Watercolor Paints. Air dry flat.
4. Give your koala a name. Make up stories about its adventures in Australia.

## When and Where Suggestions?

- "As we learn more about Australia, the children add details to their koala pictures." Ronah Z., homeschool parent.
- "Our school celebrated Australia for One Wonderful World. Koalas tied in with 3rd grade social studies, science, and reading!" Glynis H., PTA volunteer.

## Interesting Information

The koala is not a bear. It is a marsupial, an animal that carries its young in a pouch. There are probably only between 40,000 to 80,000 koalas left in the world. Koalas are one of Australia's most popular animals. Koalas live in eucalyptus trees (gum trees) and eat the leaves. They have two thumbs on their front paws, which helps them hold on to trees. Koalas in Northern Australia have different fur than those in Southern Australia because of climate differences.

## Safety Guidelines

Safety guidelines recommend this art project is suitable for children age 4 years and older. Close adult supervision is required to ensure children's safety.

## Related Books

Koala Country: A Story of an Australian Eucalyptus Forest by Deborah Dennard

Koala Lou by Mem Fox

The Koala Book by Ann Sharp

The Koala Is Not a Bear! by Hannelore Sotzek

The Koalas of Australia by Linda George

## Related Videos

Koala Bear Magic

World of the Koala

## Related Software

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