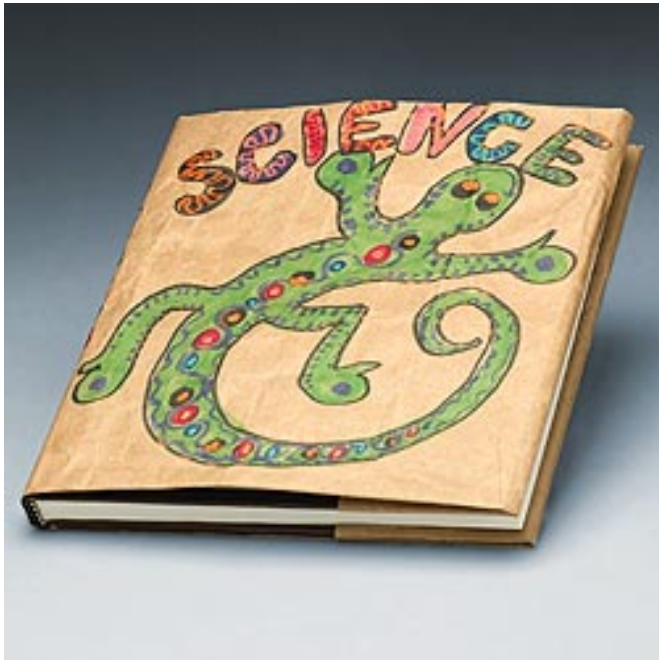


Crayola.com Inspiring Ideas

Chameleon Book Covers



Crayola Supplies

- Colored Pencils
- Scissors
- Color Changeables™ Markers

Other Supplies

- grocery bags

Why?

These chameleons change colors on your book covers! How? With Crayola® Changeables™!

How?

1. Chameleons can indeed shift colors-usually because of changes in temperature or their body chemistry. When chameleons are scared, they may change because of chemicals released in their bodies.
2. To celebrate your change from a summer-fun kid to a serious student (or a couch or mouse potato to an avid reader) create this colorful chameleon book cover.
3. With Crayola® Scissors, cut a large paper grocery bag so it lies flat. Lay its printed side up. Place your book on the grocery bag and open the book near the middle. Trace a line around the edge of the book with Crayola® Colored Pencils.
4. Set the book aside. Draw a wide margin (at least four fingers wide) all the way around the rectangle you traced. Cut out the large rectangle.
5. On the original lines you drew, fold in both long edges of the book cover. The printed part of the bag will be on the inside of the folds.

6. Fold in the short sides along the lines. Lay your book inside its cover. Slip the edge of the front cover of your book into a short side fold. Arch the open book back slightly, and slip the back cover into the other one. Close your book slowly, easing the book cover onto the book.

7. Use Crayola® Changeables™ markers to draw a chameleon (or any other design you want) on the front, back, and spine of your book cover. Use your Crayola® Changeables™ Wand-and watch the chameleon's colors change right before your eyes!

When and Where Suggestions?

- "We made chameleon book covers on the first day of school, then changed their colors during the school year." Subira S., homeroom parent.
- "My kids love books! This is a perfect way to celebrate a new school year, and to protect textbooks at the same time." Dion J., father of ages 8 and 10.

Interesting Information

Chameleons originally lived in Madagascar, a large island off the coast of Africa. Although these lizards are bad swimmers (their feet are like mittens, designed to hold on to branches), they may have arrived on other continents by holding on to floating trees or land masses.

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.

ATTENTION: The cutting edges of scissors are sharp and care should be taken whenever cutting or handling. Adult supervision is recommended with all children.

Related Books

Amelia's School Survival Guide by Marissa Moss

If You Take a Mouse to School by Laura Joffe Numeroff

Junie B., First Grader at Last! (Junie B. Jones, Vol. 18) by Barbara Park

Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten by Joseph Slate

My First Day at School by Ruth Wickings

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