

ANIMAL-THEMED ROOM DÉCOR

AGES

Teens

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Teens make animal-themed décor for their rooms! Craft options include removable vinyl wall decals or animal découpage that works on almost any household item. Suggested runtime: 60–90 minutes

MATERIALS AND PREPARATION

For vinyl wall decals, you will need:

- Removable adhesive vinyl (contact paper) in solid colors
- Utility knife
- Scissors
- Pencils
- Large scrap paper (newspaper or brown craft paper)
- Animal silhouettes (see Resources)

Print animal silhouettes to get teens started (see Printables). They can enlarge and trace an image onto the back of the vinyl, or they can draw their own. Have them cut out their animals but wait to peel off the vinyl's paper backing until they get home and are ready to apply it to their wall.

For découpage, you will need:

- Animal-themed paper (magazines, wrapping paper, greeting cards, etc.)
- Items to découpage (tin cans, switch plates, coaster tiles, picture frames, pencil boxes, lamps, etc.)
- Scissors
- Mod Podge or other découpage glue
- Foam brushes or paint brushes
- Damp rags



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TIP:

Black vinyl makes great all-purpose silhouettes. Add more vinyl color options if budget allows.

TIP:

The simpler the design to be cut out of the vinyl, the better.

TIP:

Ask teens to share pictures of how the decals look in their rooms on the library's social media.

TIP:

Invite participants to bring their own items from home to découpage, but have plenty of extras on hand.

UNIQUE SPACE AND PERSONNEL NEEDS

Increase staff for large groups.

RESOURCES

Web

DIY vinyl wall art tutorial: <https://bit.ly/3cttz7h>

Découpage tutorial: <https://bit.ly/3byd20F>

Nonfiction

YA

Animal Friends to Sew: Simple Handmade Toys, Décor, and Gifts for Kids (2020) by Sanae Ishida

DIY Bedroom Décor: 50 Awesome Ideas for Your Room (2015) by Tana Smith

Adult

At Home in the English Countryside: Designers and Their Dogs (2020) by Susanna Salk and Stacey Bewkes

Decoupage Your Home: A Contemporary Guide to Transforming Everyday Objects (2017) by Fransie Snyman

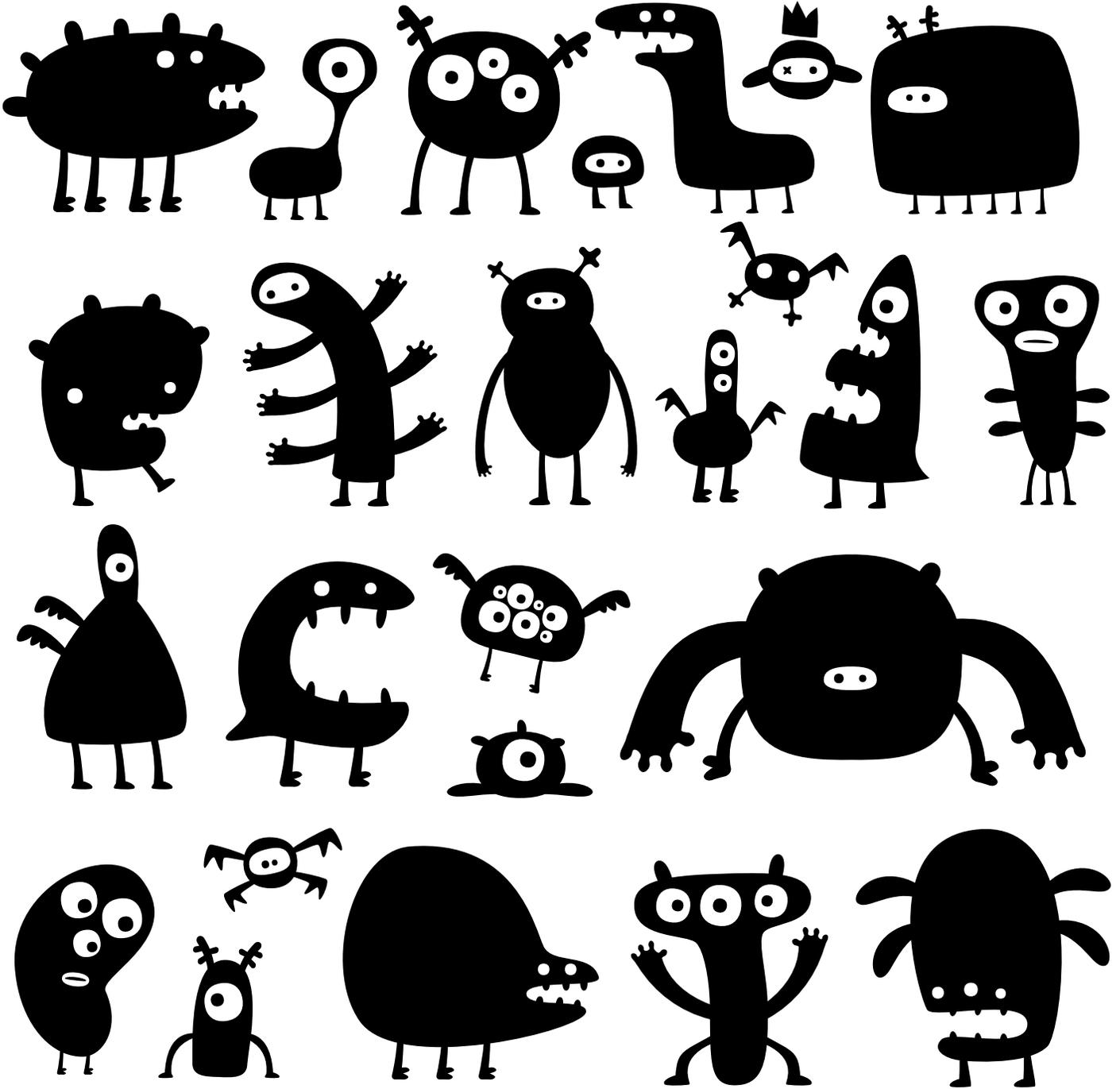
Dog Décor: Canines Living Large (2017) by Sara Essex Bradley and Valorie Hart

Mod Podge Rocks!: Decoupage Your World (2012) by Amy Anderson

Simple Times: Crafts for Poor People (2011) by Amy Sedaris

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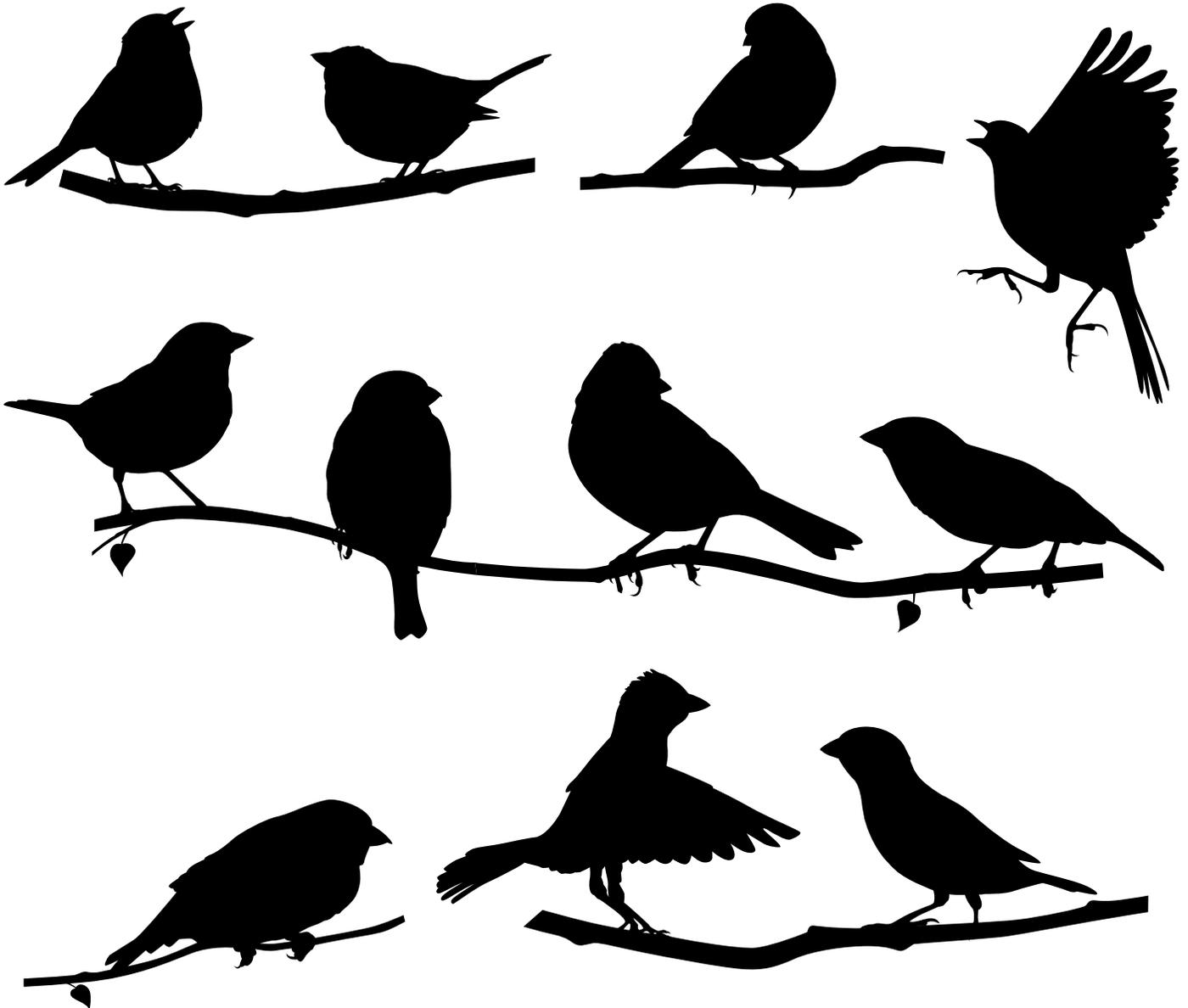
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