Design your Own Animal

Materials:
- Construction Paper
- Recyclable Materials
- Paint
- Glue
- Scissors
- Markers
- Googly Eyes

Objective: Explorers will learn about animal adaptations and then design their own animal!

Activity:
- Animals are like superheroes, and animal adaptations are their superpowers!
- An important part of animals is how they adapt! An animal adaptation is a special skill which helps an animal to survive and do everything it needs to survive.

- Have a discussion:
  - What are some animals good at?
    - Ex: A cheetah running after its prey
    - Ex: A frog using its tongue to catch flies
    - Ex: A porcupine having quills to defend itself

- Brainstorm your favorite animal adaptations and use them to design your own animal! Create a planning sheet and have them fill it out.
  - Create a new species name and design an animal
  - Select one or several characteristics from each of the following columns:

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<th>Fur</th>
<th>Legs/arms</th>
<th>Eyes</th>
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- Design Time
  - Explorers can use various craft items you put out to make their own animal creation. Make sure you create a planning sheet before you begin. This will help explorers sort their thoughts.