

## CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

### Collage

A **collage** is a picture put together of many different parts. For example, the sun in a collage would be made of many different kinds of yellow paper. The grass would be created from many different kinds of green paper. To make a collage, you can use patterned scrapbooking papers. You can also use the pages of an outdated magazine or calendar, with your parent's permission.

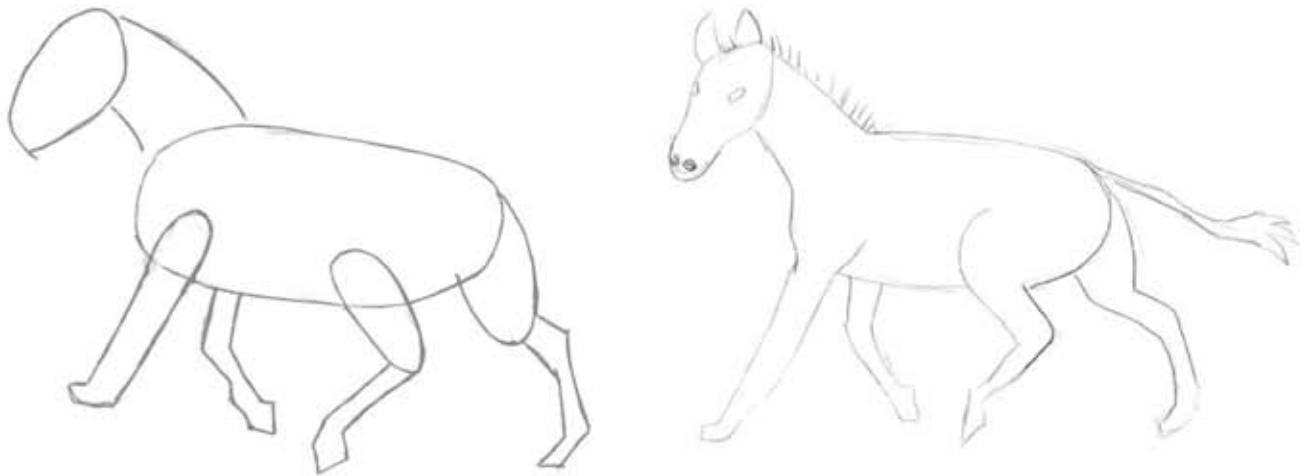
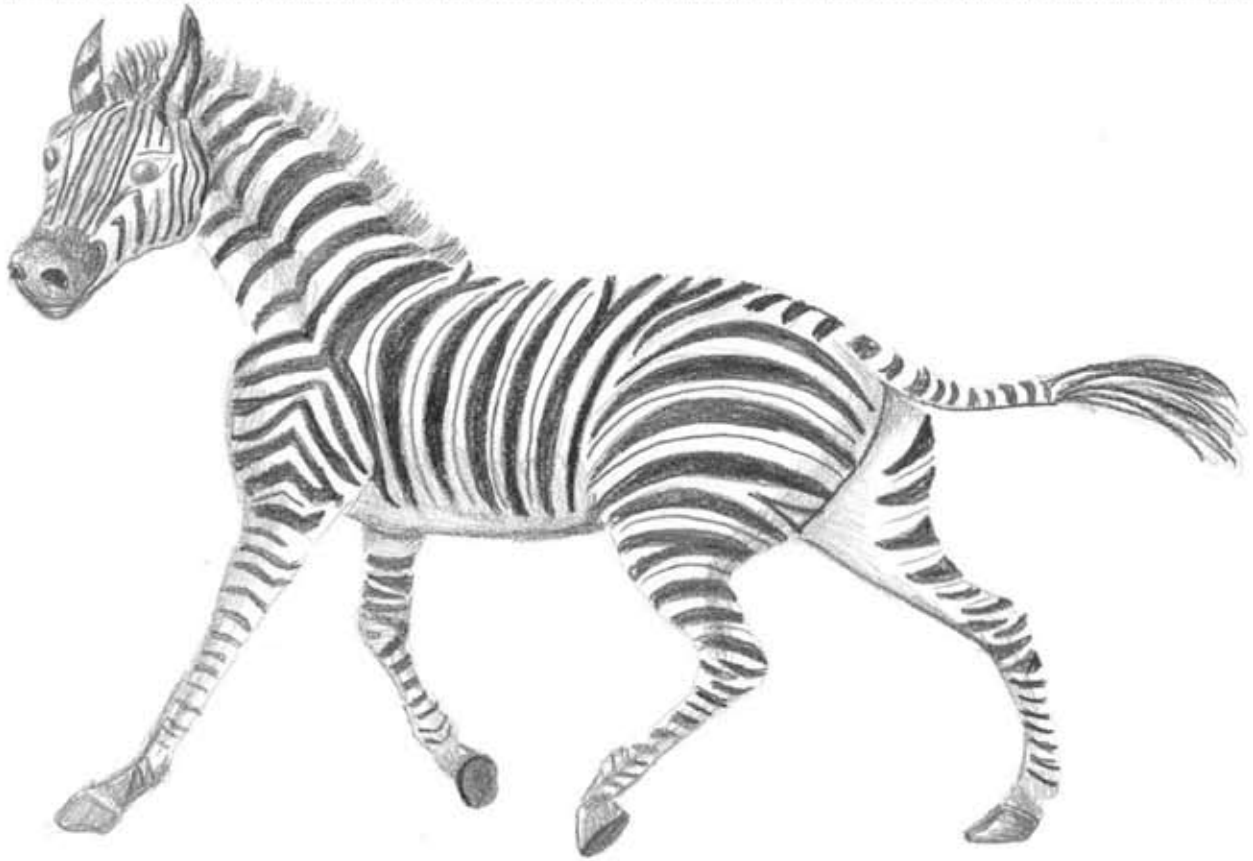


### Butterfly Wing Art ☆☆



Butterfly wing art is a common folk art in the Central African Republic. Each picture is composed of many delicate butterfly wings. (The wings come from butterflies that are not endangered and that have lived out their natural life span.) The wings are carefully arranged to create a beautiful scene or animal.

1. Decide what picture you want to make for your collage. You might choose an African animal such as a zebra, lion, or giraffe. You could also make a picture of an African tree or flower. Look on the Internet or in a library book for images of Africa to give you some ideas.
2. Lightly sketch your picture onto a piece of cardstock. Big, bold shapes will be easier to collage than small details. Write inside each shape what color you want it to be.
3. Select papers in the colors you will need for your collage. Cut or tear your papers into small pieces.
4. Glue the colored papers onto your cardstock. Use the colors you wrote in earlier as a guide.
5. You can color in the background if you want. Butterfly Wing Art usually has a plain white background so that the wings stand out boldly from the page.



### QUICKSKETCH: ZEBRA

What is the first animal that comes to your mind when you think of Africa? Is it the zebra? The zebra, a member of the horse family, is a beautiful animal covered with black and white stripes. The stripes are not only beautiful, but serve a purpose as well. The stripes help the zebra blend in when standing in a grove of trees. Some scientists believe the stripes also make the zebra look like blades of grass in a field to the color-blind lion. In your geography notebook, draw a picture of a zebra. Pay close attention to how you place your stripes. A zebra's stripes are vertical everywhere except on its back end and legs, where the stripes are horizontal. To make your zebra stand out even more in your picture, put it in front of a beautiful African sunset of reds, oranges, and yellows.