

Animal Transformations

Some animals have an incredible ability to change their appearance as a way to camouflage, trick prey or defend themselves. Others use hidden beauty and special moves to attract a mate or stand out.

Can you think of animals in the wild able to modify or alter their body? Some use colour, some mimic textures, others are spectacular shape shifters.

- Make a list of animals which embody the skills to transform.
- What movement does the animal use to make the change?
- What purpose does the change have?



Get Moving and Model Nature

Taking inspiration from your animal list, have a go at mimicking physical transformation using your own body. Experiment with up and down movement and rotation.

Here's some wild examples:

The **Crocodile Flathead** is a fish which lies motionless on the sea bed. It uses an ambush strategy to trap prey in it's mouth which speedily snaps open and shut when least expected.

The **Armadillidiidae**, a type of woodlice is known for it's ability to curl into a ball to protect itself from predators. Can you do the roly poly like this creature is well known for?

Animal	Transformation	Purpose
Porcupine	Quills stand up	Defend / Attack