

**You will need:**

- Your imagination
- Crafty ideas
  - Check out <https://www.nczoo.org/education/family-group-programs/arts-more> for art ideas.

**Optional:**

- For this activity, you can use art, paint, and furniture, whatever you have access to.



**Background:**

What is habitat enrichment? It is the alteration of the physical elements in and around a space in which an animal lives. Habitat enrichment has many different aspects and is easy to try at home.

Enrichment is not just toys or treats, a big part of enrichment involves a changing of the animal's living space.



Step 1

**Introduction:**

1. You can try this at home by coming up with ways to change your bedroom or even your entire home! Adding art and moving furniture are simple ways to enrich your life and give you a fresh perspective. You will be surprised at how different a place feels with even a few changes.
2. Brainstorm some ideas of how to change your room or a room in the house (rearranging furniture, new art, new wall color, etc.). Then run it past your parents.
3. Make the change if approved.
4. Show us your before and after pictures and share your thoughts on habitat enrichment on our Facebook page “Adventures in EdZooCation” or tag the North Carolina Zoo at #NCZOO or #NCZOOED.
5. Then come visit Tomo our grizzly bear in his newly renovated habitat to see these changes taking place in the zoo world!



Step 2