



PERENTIE

Varanus giganteus

Australia is home to many different types of lizards, from small geckos and skinks, to the medium-sized and showy Thorny Devil and Frill-neck Lizard, to the large goannas reminiscent of the days of the dinosaur. The largest goanna, the beautifully patterned Perentie, measuring up to 2 metres (7 feet) long, is the third largest lizard in the world. Goannas are generally not aggressive unless cornered, and their preferred route of escape is up a tree. People standing still have been known to be mistaken for a tree by a frightened goanna, and have received quite deep scratches from the animal's attempt to climb them.

Part	Quantity	Length	Shape	Colour
Head	1	20 cm (8 in)	eye	black
Body	1	60 cm (24 in)	eye	black
Tail	1	60 cm (24 in)	leaf	black
Eyes	2	2 cm ($\frac{3}{4}$ in)	tight coil	cream
Legs	2	10 cm (4 in)	crescent	black
	2	20 cm (8 in)	crescent	black
Claws	2	10 cm (4 in)	birdfoot	black
	2	6 cm ($2\frac{1}{4}$ in)	birdfoot	black
Border	17	5 cm (2 in)	tight coil	yellow
	17	5 cm (2 in)	tight coil	red

Arrangement

Position the body, head and tail of the goanna on the card. Add the two shorter legs at the front and the two longer legs at the back of the body. The smaller claws join onto the end of the front legs, the larger claws join to the end of the back legs. Insert the eyes into the head. When you are satisfied with the arrangement, glue all the parts to the card. Evenly space and alternate the yellow and red tight coils to make a rectangular border around the goanna.

WATER LIFE

Australia, being surrounded by ocean and with extensive inland waterways, has a rich and diverse variety of saltwater and freshwater creatures. There are brightly coloured tropical fish, spiky sea urchins, soft sponges, sharp corals, walking mud-fish, stinging jellies and man-eating sharks, to name but a few. I chose to quill an unusual collection of water-dwellers, with a colourful starfish and a manta ray—giant of all stingrays and yet the most harmless—from the ocean, and every child's favourite, freshwater tadpoles!



Part	Quantity	Length	Shape	Colour
<i>Manta ray</i>				
Body	1	30 cm (12 in)	teardrop	dark green
Wings	2	45 cm (18 in)	triangle	dark green
Tail	1	45 cm (18 in)	bent teardrop	dark green
Horns	2	5 cm (2 in)	crescent	dark green
Eyes	2	5 cm (2 in)	tight coil	white
<i>Starfish</i>				
Body	1	20 cm (8 in)	loose coil	orange
Arms	5	45 cm (18 in)	leaf	magenta
<i>Tadpoles</i>				
Body	7	10 cm (4 in)	eye	brown
Tail	7	1 cm ($\frac{3}{8}$ in)	strip	brown

To make the manta ray glue the wings to each side of the body. Then add the tail (squeezed very flat and curved). Position the horns at the front of the body. Place the eyes on top of the intersections between the body and the horns.

To make the starfish squeeze the arms very flat and glue them around the body, radiating outwards.

To make the tadpoles bend each tail to an S-shape, then glue them to one end of each body.

Arrangement

Position the manta ray in one corner of your card, and the starfish diagonally opposite. The tadpoles form a line swimming between the two. I made the tadpoles in a traditional brown but they can be any colour you choose.