

# Mini Park Rangers



## Possums

### Parents Notes

We hope your Mini Park Ranger has enjoyed this week's Mini Park Ranger video and is able to identify possums if they are lucky enough to see one in the wild. Can they remember the difference between a Ringtail and a Brushtail possum? The following two activities ideas will help to reinforce what they have learnt about these two beautiful possums and will be fun for the whole family as well.

### Exploring outside after dark

Have you ever explored or surveyed your backyard at night? You might be lucky enough to find a possum, along with other marsupials, mammals, invertebrates, reptiles and frogs. Many of these animals are only visible at night; all you need is a spotlight! (Note: use a red light filter or red setting on your spotlight as this ensures you do not distress the animals).

When spotlighting at night you will be able to detect an animal's presence by looking for the eye shine. Using your spotlight, scan up and down the branches of a tree, looking out for the shine of the possums eyes. Once you locate the animal, focus the direct light on the branch nearby to reduce the harm on the animal's eyes.

### Let make a possum!

What you will need:

- The template on the next page
- Piece of paper to paste artwork on
- Scissors
- Glue
- Colouring pencils

What to do:

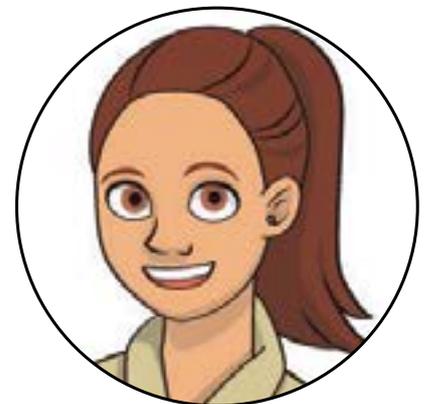
1. Carefully cut the segments out and glue them together using the plate as a backing board or as the body of the possum.
2. Decorate with colouring pens, pencils or paint to finish your possum.
3. Share your creation with us on Instagram by tagging us @sydolympticpark or @sydneyolympicpark

### Have you read a story book about a possum?

**One of my favourite stories is "Possum in the House", by Kiersten Jensen. It is about a possum that gets inside a house and makes a bit of a mess!**

**Next time you are at Blaxland Riverside Park find the new Possum Story sign at the tree house, that shares the story of a possum exploring our play ground.**

**What is your favourite story? Share it with a friend.**

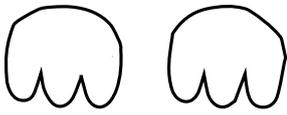


Share a photo of your rainbow artwork with us at:

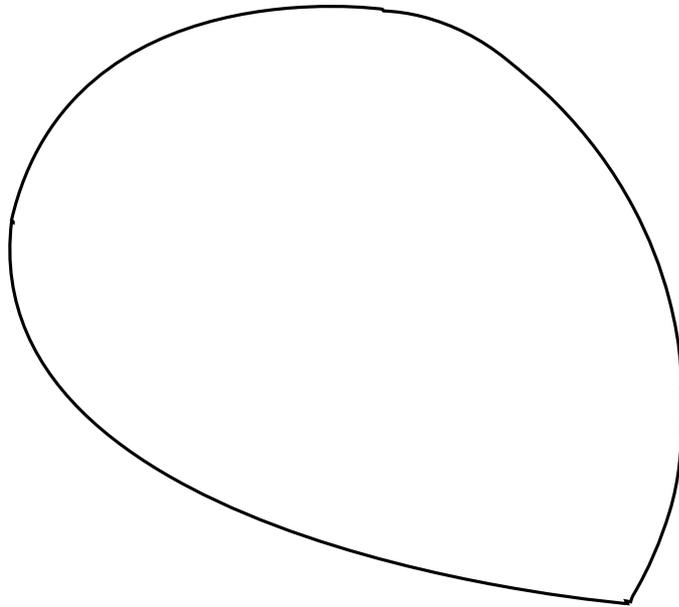


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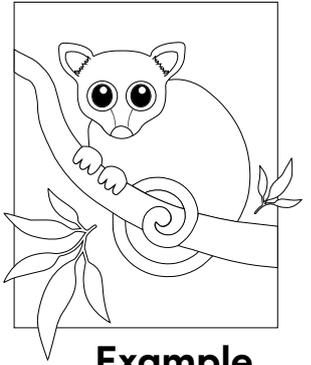
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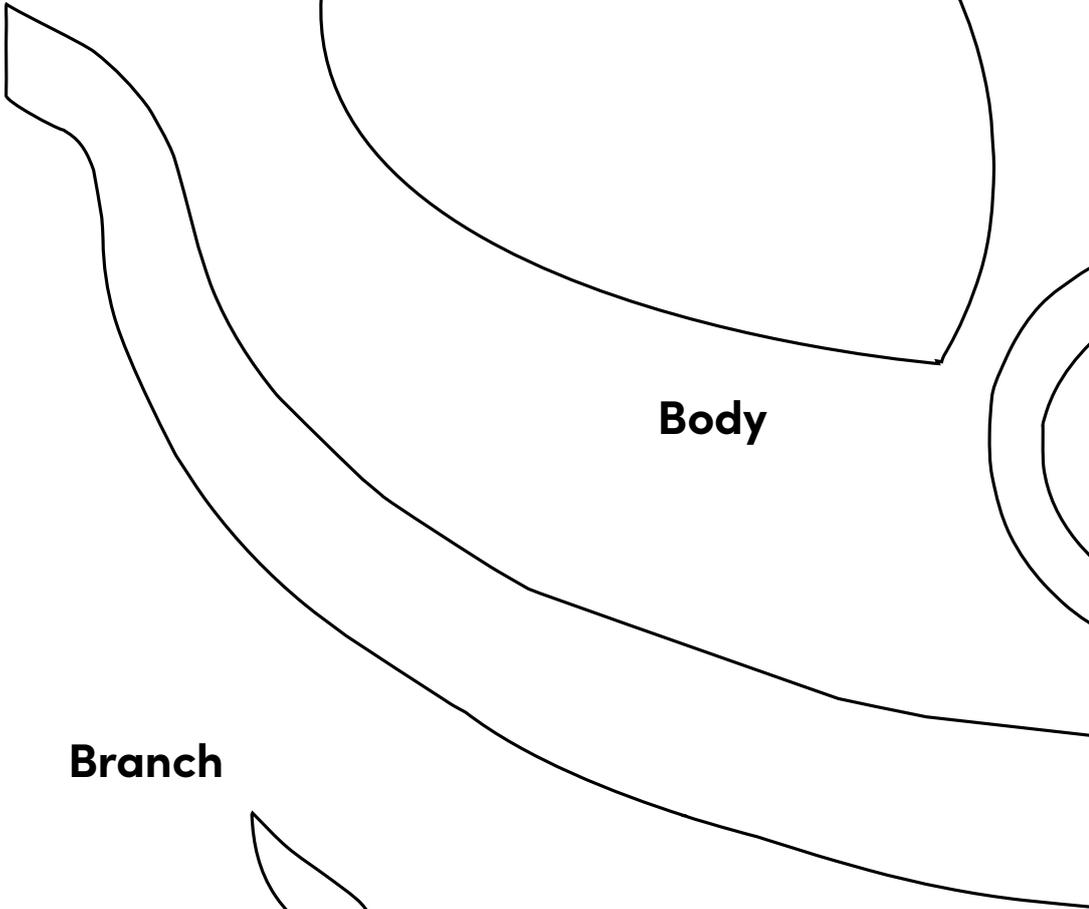
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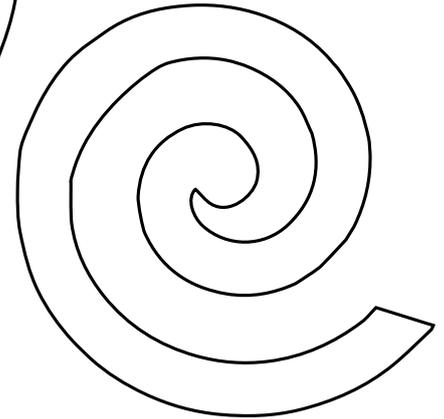
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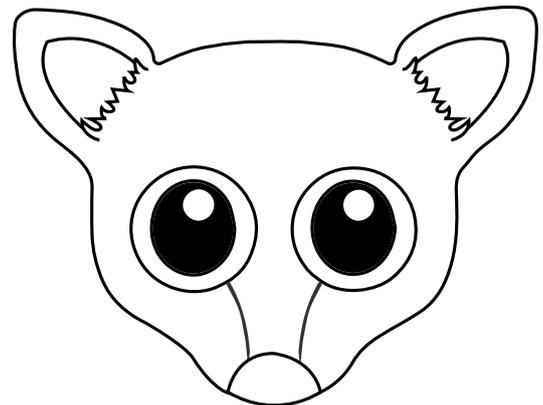
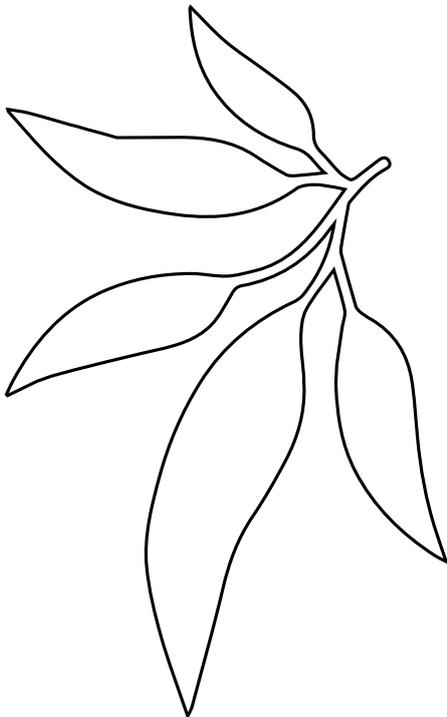
**Example**



**Branch**



**Tail**



**Head**

**Hey Mini Park Rangers! Can you remember what a possum likes to eat? Draw some food for your possum such as fruit, flowers & leaves. Yum!**

