

## Classroom Project

### Camouflage (Gr. 6-8)

#### In-Class Video:

Many ocean creatures have the ability to camouflage themselves, even when they're brightly colored. Seek out new knowledge with this video: [Camouflage in Nature](#).



**Hands-On Activity:** Have your students try and make their own animal with camouflage abilities; why is it camouflaged?



#### Additional Information:




[Dresser Crab Video](#)  
[Leafy Sea Dragon Video](#)  
[Flounder on Checkerboards](#)  
[Deep Sea Camouflage](#)



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#### Fun Facts!



-  **Cuttlefish match their surrounding by contracting and expanding their skin and changing the color of their organs or insides.**
-  **A flounder on an underwater checkboard will actually develop a checkered pattern to match the board.**
-  **Many deep-sea creatures are red because red light doesn't reach ocean depths so these red animals appear black.**

#### Questions about art that link to STEM:

How does your creature blend into its habitat?

Why does it need to blend in?

Does it change its appearance at all?

Does it trick its prey or predators?



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