MOTHER'S DAY ACTIVITIES

to do with or for your mom

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Mother’s Day Animal Acrostics

Pick the animal that is most like your mom, grandma, aunt or whomever you would like to give a special gift! Then fill in each line, using a word that starts with that letter. You can make them into a card or pair with a drawing you’ve done of the animal.

Example:

- Wise
- Outstanding
- Loving
- Friendly

Mom, you are like a wolf.

Grandma, you are like a lion.

Loyal
Incredible
On top of the world
Nice

___________, you are like a ________________.

_________
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Mother’s Day Questionnaire

Answer these questions about your mom. Then ask her for her answers to learn more about her favorites.

- My mom is ________________ years old
- Her favorite color is _______________
- Her favorite food is _______________
- My mom is very good at _______________
- Her favorite flower is _______________
- Her favorite animal at the Zoo is _______________
- My favorite thing to do at the Zoo with my mom is _______________
- If my mom were an animal she would be a ________________ because she ________________
Hand Bouquet Craft

Materials
- Construction paper in green and other colors
- Scissors
- Glue
- Marker

Steps
1. Draw and cut out a stem and leaves
2. Trace and cut out your hands on different color construction paper
3. Glue everything together and write a Mother’s Day message!

More Handprint Craft Ideas

Animal Mom Facts

Merganser ducks
Merganser moms love babies so much they don’t even mind if they are not their own! Merganser ducks make many nests at different sites and lay a few eggs in each. They even share nests. Once the ducklings hatch, the mommy mergansers go to each nest site and collect whatever ducklings are there. She cares for them regardless if they hatched from her eggs or not. Mergansers lay between 6-17 eggs but some moms have been with 25-70 babies! Talk about a full house.

Rhino
Rhino moms do a lot! It takes 15-18 months for the baby to be born and when it is...it is BIG! Rhino newborns are about 100 pounds and they can gain 10 pounds per day from drinking mom’s rich milk. A rhino baby will stay with mom for a few years. Because they are born without horns, they have no defense other than one tough mom, so they stay by her side until they are big enough to defend themselves with their horn.

Alligator
Alligator moms are fierce and devoted. They make a large nest for their eggs and defend it for 65 days until they hatch. When the young alligators hatch they vocalize and mom will carry them in her mouth from the nest to a safe pool. She can make several trips. After her babies are in the nursery pool, she will stay for up to a year protecting the much smaller alligators from predators. Nobody messes with this mamma.

Wolf spider
Wolf spider moms take great care of their young. They carry the load, literally! They carry their young spiderlings on their body until they are big enough to find food and stay safe. Some people think spiders are scary but we think they make great moms!