

Rabbit Art

Background: Have you ever seen a rabbit at the park or in your backyard? It was most likely an Eastern cottontail rabbit. This native species prefers areas with grass or shrubs, so is commonly seen in Maryland's neighborhoods.

The Maryland Zoo is home to two Flemish giant rabbits. This type of rabbit is much larger than an Eastern cottontail. They weigh 15 pounds on average and can reach a length of 2.5 feet. Unlike Maryland's wild Eastern cottontails, Flemish giant rabbits are *domestic* animals. This means that they have been bred to live in human habitats rather than wild habitats. Other examples of domestic animals include dogs, chickens, and cows. You can learn more about rabbits "Clover" and "Thumper" by visiting <https://www.marylandzoo.org/animal/flemish-giant-rabbit/>.



Materials:

- Paper or a flat piece of cardboard
- Natural materials collected from outside such as leaves, grass, pine cones, pine needles, pebbles, twigs, etc.
- Glue (optional)

Instructions: Go outside and collect some natural materials for your artwork. Using those materials, lay them on the paper or cardboard to create a rabbit or a rabbit's face. Snap a picture and share it. Make sure to tag the Zoo so we can enjoy your artwork as well! Try making other animals, such as an elephant, flamingo, penguin, or your own personal favorite. Be creative and have fun! If you would like to save your artwork for posterity, you can glue the items down. If not, just leave the natural materials outside to decompose.