Mismatched Animal Flipbook

Make your own crazy mismatched animal flipbook with your own drawings!

**Materials:**
- 8 Sheets of Cardstock (Printer paper will also work)
- Colored Pencils/Markers/Crayons
- Ruler
- 3 Loose leaf rings or a 3 ring binder (String will work but won’t flip as well)
- Hole Punch
- Scissors

**Procedure:**

1. Look at examples of flipbooks online. This will help everyone get creative and understand what their book will look like once it is finished.
2. Using two sheets of paper (landscape/horizontal orientation, different from how you normally write on paper), make a front and back cover for your book. You can think of a fun title or just draw anything you think makes good cover art.
3. On the other 6 pieces of paper, use your ruler to draw 2 vertical lines to create 3 sections on your paper. Each section should be the same size. Using your ruler can help you get even sections and straight lines. The first column will be for the animal head, the second column for the body, and the third column for the tail/bottom of the animal. The mismatched idea of the flipbook will only work if the animals are drawn big enough, long enough, and the body parts are in the correct columns. Be sure your paper is in the same landscape/horizontal orientation as your front and back covers.
4. Get creative and draw 6 different animals, one animal on each sheet of paper. You can draw any animal! The most important part is that each animal is drawn big enough and long enough to fill all the columns on each sheet of paper.
5. When all of the animals are drawn, stack the 6 pieces of paper on top of one another.
6. Place the front cover you made on top of all 6 sheets of paper, and the back cover at the end.
7. Use the hole punch to punch three holes in the top of each page. Make sure each column has a hole on top.
8. Attach the rings to each hole, binding all of the paper together.
9. On the animal drawings, use the scissors to cut through the two vertical lines that separate the different animal parts. (1st column = head, 2nd column = body, 3rd column = tail/bottom). Cut all the way through the paper so each body part can flip independently.

10. Your flipbook is ready to mismatch different animals. For example, you may have a giraffe head, a lion’s body, and a horse tail. Can you create different names for the crazy animals you made in your flipbook?

Extra Resources:
- There are a lot of great animal flipbooks available on Amazon and other online booksellers:
  - Remarkable Animals by Tony Meeuwissen
  - Flip-O-Saurus by Britta Drehsen
  - Flip-O-Storic by Britta Drehsen
  - Mix-A-Mutt by Sara Ball