Slithering Snake

Ancestors of modern snakes had arms and legs, and those with smaller limbs could more easily reach prey living underground. Today, snakes have evolved to be limbless, and use their scales and muscles to get around.

Create your own slithering snake and see how it moves.

Materials

Crayons, colored pencils, or markers
Paper
Scissors
Glue

Directions

1. Create a pattern for the snake's body on a piece of paper using crayons, colored pencils, or markers.

2. Fold the paper in half lengthwise 3 times. This will give you 8 sections.

3. Cut the paper along each fold to get 8 strips of paper.

4. Glue the ends of 2 strips together at a right angle.

5. Fold the strips over one another. When you reach the end, glue on more strips to lengthen each side. Keep going until you use all 8 strips of paper.

6. Draw and cut out a head, tongue, and tail for the snake.

7. Glue the head to the square at one end of the snake's body and the tail to the other end.

8. Make your snake slither!

Challenge: Can you make a snake that looks like one you have seen before?