



# Spiral Snake

Try this: Reach your hand around to your back and feel your backbone. The bones that make up your backbone are called **vertebrae**.

Humans have 33 vertebrae but snakes have more than 100—and some even have more than 300! Having so many vertebrae helps snakes be very flexible. Flexibility is an important adaptation for snakes whether they need to slither through underground burrows, navigate through tree branches, or sidewind their way across hot desert sand.

In this craft you will make your own flexible, spiraling snake.

## Materials

1 printed snake template (page 2)  
Crayons, markers, or colored pencils  
Scissors  
Hole puncher or pencil  
Yarn or string

## Directions

1. **Print and color** the snake template on page 2.
2. **Cut out** the snake template, making sure to follow the lines as it spirals in toward the middle.
3. **Punch a hole** in the end of the snake's tail using a hole puncher or sharpened pencil.
4. **Cut** a piece of yarn to about 6 inches long, or about the length of your hand.
5. **Tie** one end of the yarn to the end of the snake's tail by stringing the yarn through the hole.
6. **Hold up** the free end of the string to watch your snake uncoil into a spring-like spiral.



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