

Create Your Own Rousseau Jungle

Henri Rousseau most liked to paint jungle scenes even though he had never been to a jungle or seen most of the animals up close. Rousseau's jungles are highly regarded today. You can make your own jungle scene just like Rousseau, regardless of whether you've seen a jungle yourself.

Supplies Needed:

Construction paper in green and blue

Magazines (such as landscaping, bird watching, and travel magazines)

Glue stick

Scissors

Gather your materials. Flip through your magazines and cut out pictures of trees, plants, and animals that you think you might find in a jungle. Be sure to get permission before you cut any magazines. Look at some of Rousseau's paintings, like the ones in this large [Rousseau gallery](#), for inspiration.

Tear a strip of green construction paper to create grass for your jungle. Glue it to the bottom of the blue sheet of paper (the sky).

Arrange your cut out trees and foliage, then add your animals. When you have created a jungle scene of your liking, glue down the magazine cutouts.

You can also refer the kids to the following link to create their Rousseau jungle online:

<http://www.nga.gov/kids/zone/jungle.html>