

RATTLESNAKES

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Linnea Gogan, age 7

I walked down the road, and something caught my eye.
 What I saw made my face cry.
 I backpedaled down toward my house.
 It was too late, I felt like a mouse.
 The rattlesnake slithered out of the hole.
 The way it did it made it look like a mole.
 The snake jumped out and tried to bite down hard.
 Luckily I escaped to the safety of our yard.
 I held my breath and slowly backed away,
 That was one exciting day!

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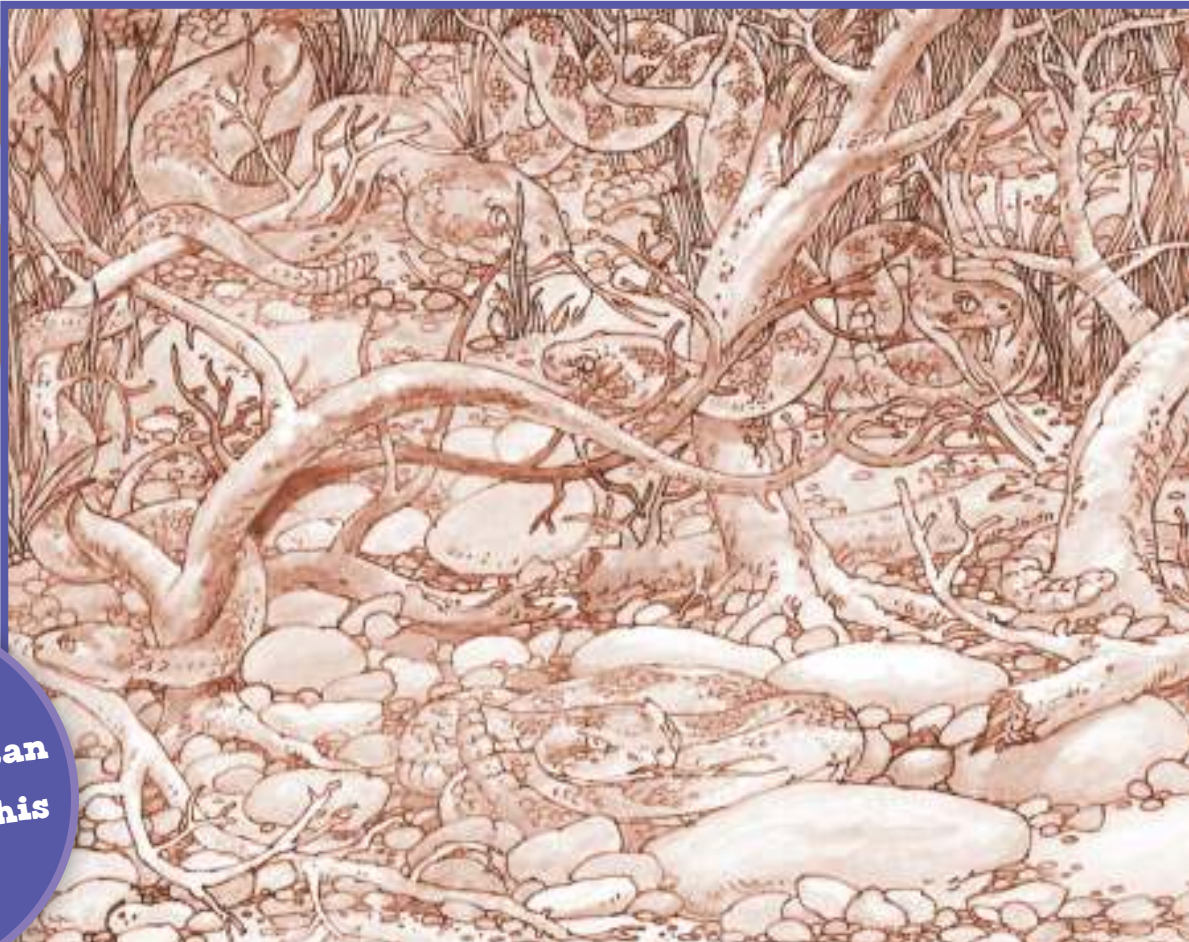
Make a Coiled Snake Pot

You will need clay and toothpicks.



1 You will make the pot from the bottom up. Flatten a ball of clay by pressing it with your palm. The bottom needs to be as thick as your thumb and 3 to 4 inches across.

2 Next, make a 13-inch coil by rolling clay back and forth between your hands and your work surface. Roll from the center of the coil to its ends. Make the coil as thick as your finger.



How many rattlesnakes can you find in this picture?

Answers: There are ten snakes hidden in the picture.

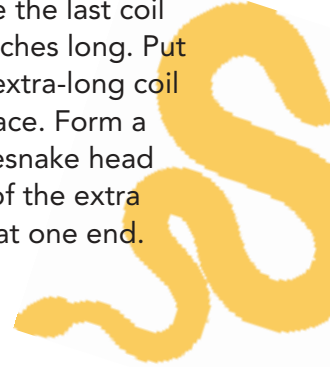
- 3 Then put the clay coil around the edge of the flat bottom. Gently press the coil and the bottom together with your fingers. Also, press together the two ends of the coil.



- 4 Make another 13-inch coil. Put the new coil on top of the one already in place. Gently press the two coils together. Then, press together the two ends of the new coil.



- 5 Repeat Step 4 three more times. However, make the last coil 18 inches long. Put this extra-long coil in place. Form a rattlesnake head out of the extra clay at one end.

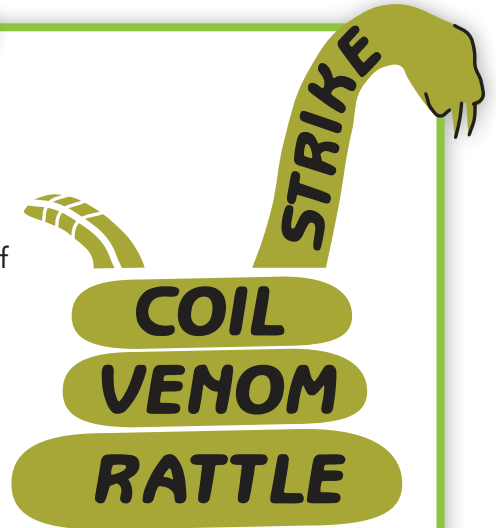


- 6 Form a rattle for the end of your snake's tail. Use a toothpick to add details to the rattle. Then, place the rattle on the top coil of the pot, opposite the head. Gently press the rattle to make it stick to the pot.



Snakey Poems

The poems here are made up of words about snakes. The words are made into pictures that tell even more about snakes. After enjoying these picture poems, try to make some poems of your own. Use words about snakes. Write the words in snake shapes.



Rattlesnake WORD SEARCH

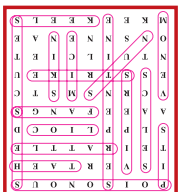
Rattle your brain as you try to solve the four steps of this special word-search puzzle. Be on the lookout for a hidden rattlesnake.

1. Unscramble the letters in the five snakes to discover 5 snake words.
2. Find and circle the 5 snake words in the word-search puzzle.
3. Then find the other 11 snake words, which are listed below, and circle them.
4. Put all the uncircled letters together to spell a secret word.
Write the secret word in the blanks below.

P	O	I	S	O	N	O	U	S
I	S	V	E	R	T	A	E	H
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S	L	P	P	L	I	O	C	D
A	A	E	E	F	A	N	G	S
V	C	R	N	S	M	S	T	C
E	S	S	T	R	I	K	E	U
N	T	U	I	L	C	I	E	T
O	N	S	N	N	E	N	A	E
M	K	E	E	K	E	E	L	S

Snake Words

- COIL
- FANGS
- HEAT
- KEELS
- MICE
- PITS
- POISONOUS
- SCALES
- SERPENTINE
- SHEDS
- SKIN
- STUN



Answers:
 • The unscrambled words starting from the top are venom, vipers, strike, scutes, and rattle.
 • The secret word is rattlesnake.