

Required Materials: Large roll paper, masking tape, colored pencils, markers, crayons, construction paper, glue sticks

Description: Children will create a mural of the many living things found in a tropical rainforest using inspiration from the illustrations in *The Great Kapok Tree*.

1. Secure the large roll paper to the wall or the ground using masking tape.
2. As a group, add one or two items to the mural to generate interest (i.e. Kapok Tree).
3. Encourage children to use a variety of materials (colored pencils, markers, crayons, constructions paper, etc.) to create a tropical rainforest scene inspired by the book.
4. Display the mural in a location for all to see.
5. Encourage children to share what they added to the mural and its role in the tropical rainforest.
6. Use the mural to generate discussion about what the tropical rainforest would be like without specific creatures or plant life.

