

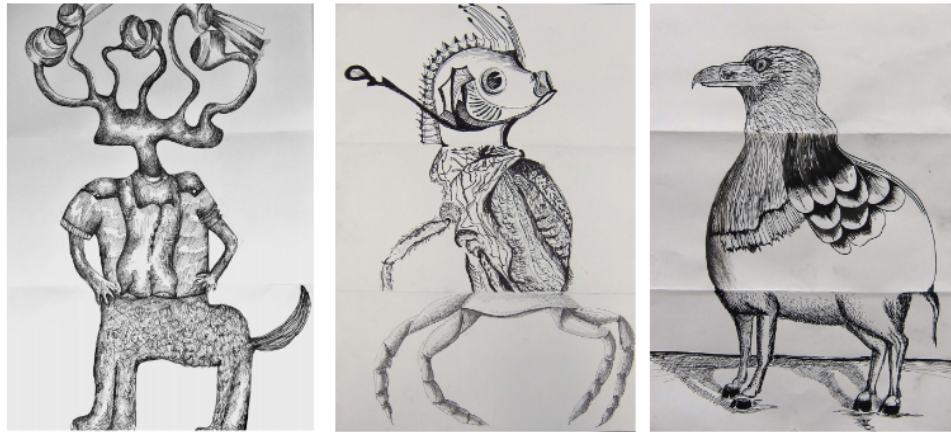
# COLLABORATIVE CREATURES

## INTRODUCTION

This drawing activity is a fun collaborative game where each participant takes turns drawing on a sheet of paper, folding it to hide their contribution, and then passing it to the next player. One person draws the head of something (a person, animal, alien, anything!), then the next person draws a torso (again, anything you want!) and finally, the last person draws a pair of legs and/or feet. When the drawing is unfolded, you will have created a strange mash-up creature!

## MATERIALS

- Pencil with an eraser
- Piece of paper
- Drypoint or Ballpoint pen
- Optional: colored pencils or markers



## STEPS

If you are drawing with a friend:

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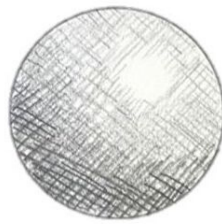
Start with one piece of paper for each person who is drawing with you. Fold each paper into three sections along the longest edge.

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Each person draws the top section (the “head”), folds it over to hide it, and then passes it to the next person. Make sure you extend your end lines of the character’s head so it can be connected to their torso. Use your pencil or pen to shade and fill in your design techniques such as cross-hatching, hatching, and stippling to create texture!



Hatching



Crosshatching



Stumping



Stippling

**3**

Continue passing until the drawings are complete, and then open them up!

**4**

Optional: use colored pencils or markers to color in and decorate your creatures!

If you are drawing alone:

**1**

Before you start drawing, write these 8 prompts on slips of paper. Fold the paper in half and mix them up.

- Draw the \_\_\_\_\_ of your favorite athlete/singer/actor
- Draw the \_\_\_\_\_ of your pet
- Draw the \_\_\_\_\_ of one of your family members
- Draw the \_\_\_\_\_ of a reptile
- Draw the \_\_\_\_\_ of your favorite animal
- Draw the \_\_\_\_\_ of your favorite cartoon character
- Draw the \_\_\_\_\_ of a robot you created
- Draw the \_\_\_\_\_ of your friend

**2**

Take a piece of drawing paper and fold it in three sections along the longest edge. Open your first prompt, and draw the head! Make sure you extend your end lines of the character's head so it can be connected to their torso.

**3**

Follow step 2 for the torso and legs of your creature. Use your pencil or pen to shade and fill in your design techniques such as cross-hatching, hatching, and stippling to create texture!

**4**

Unfold your paper to reveal your completed creature!

### TRY THIS TOO!

You can use magazine cut-outs instead of drawing or combine both drawing and collage elements to create your creature. You can also experiment with tin foil, scraps of fabrics, tissue paper, cardboard etc. The possibilities are endless!

