

Mix and Match Mythical Creature Game

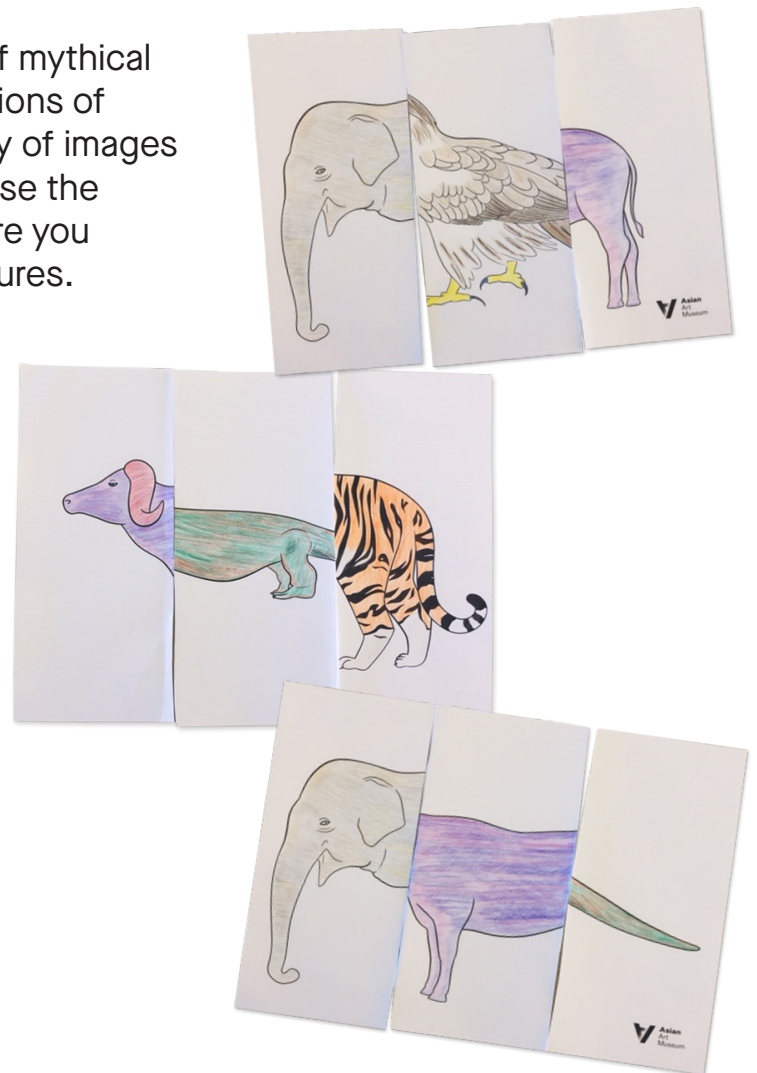
The Asian Art Museum's collection is full of mythical creatures made up of surprising combinations of animals. Look through the provided gallery of images below – what animals can you identify? Use the attached templates to create a game where you mix and match animals to make new creatures.

DURATION

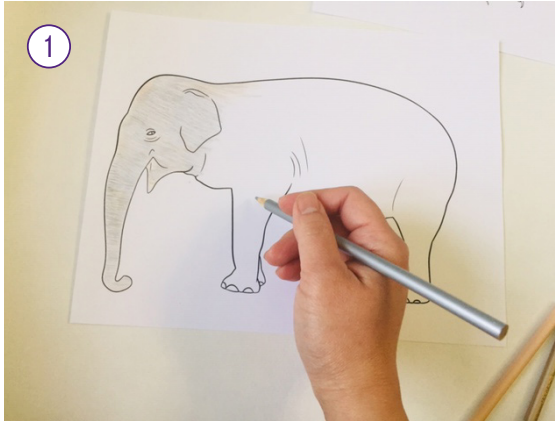
30–40 minutes

MATERIALS

- Animal templates (downloadable)
- Markers, crayons, or colored pencils
- Scissors
- Glue (optional)
- Pieces of cardboard (optional)



PROCEDURE



Print out the downloadable animal templates. Color in each animal using pencils, crayons, or pens.



Fold each animal template in thirds (like you would a letter).



Use scissors to cut each template into those thirds (head, body, tail).



Now you have “puzzle pieces” of different heads, bodies, and tails that you can mix and match to produce new creatures. Optional: Glue the puzzle pieces onto pieces of cardboard, so they are sturdy and reusable.

Take a picture of each new combination you create. What name might you give your new mythical creature? What powers might it have?