

Exquisite Creature: A Mysterious Drawing Game

This is a fun, collaborative drawing game where you draw a creature with other people, but you don't know what the finished creature will look like. Each person draws one part of the creature – head, body, or legs – without seeing what the other people have drawn. In the end, each person will have created an unusual and unique creature that they could not have imagined drawing on their own.

This game works best with three people, but can be modified and played with two people or even one person.

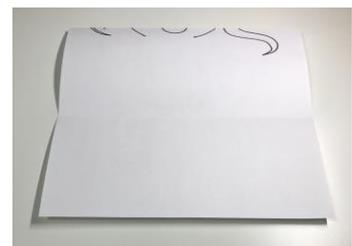
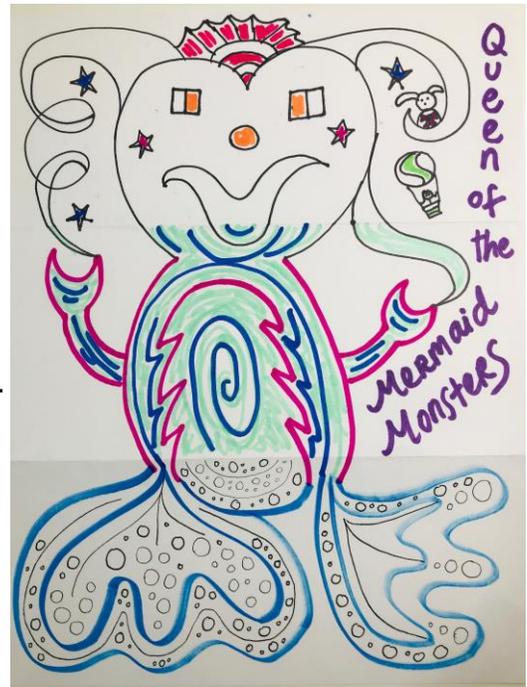
Materials:

- Something to draw with – pen, pencil, crayons, or marker.
- Paper (If you are using marker, you should use thicker paper)

Instructions:

Although you are drawing a head, body, and legs, you can really draw whatever you want. It can be human, animal, vehicle, or other object. It does not have to look like a real body at all. The weirder, the better! For inspiration, you can do things like look around your room or look in your refrigerator.

1. Each person will take a piece of paper, fold it into three equal sections, and then unfold the paper. The top section will be for the head, the middle section will be for the body, and the third section will be for the legs.
2. First, draw the head of the creature in the top section. When you draw, make sure some of your lines go past the top section into the next section. When you are done, fold your section backwards to hide your drawing and pass the paper to the person on your right side. This also means you will be given a new paper from the person on your left side on which to draw the body.
3. Next, you will draw the body of the creature. The piece of paper you received will have some markings at the top from the other person's drawing. You will use those markings as part of your drawing for the body. As you are drawing, make sure some of your drawing lines go into the next section. When you are done, fold your section backwards to hide your drawing and pass the paper to the person on your right side.

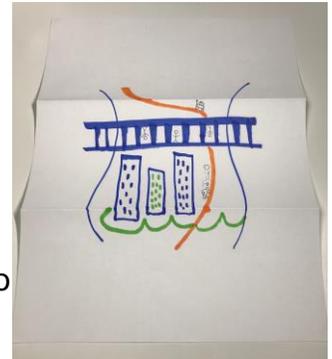


4. Lastly, you will draw the feet of the creature on the piece of paper you received from the person on your left side. The paper will have some markings at the top from the other person's drawing. You will use those markings as part of your drawing for the feet. When you are done, pass the paper to the person to your right side.
5. You will receive a drawing from the person on your left side. Open the drawing you received to finally see one of the creatures you have all been creating together. Give the drawing a title and write it on the paper. Next, everyone should share their unique creatures!

Playing on Your Own

You can play a version of this game on your own.

1. Instead of starting with the head, draw the body in the middle section first.
2. As you are drawing, make sure some of your drawing lines go into both the top section and the bottom section. When you are done, flip the paper over to hide your drawing. Next, fold the top and bottom sections (it doesn't matter which order). You should now only see one section with some markings either at the bottom or the top.
3. Choose a number between one and five. Turn your paper in a circle to the right for that number of times. For example, if you chose three, turn your paper to the right three times. Your paper could be sideways or upside down. Next, start drawing the head. When you are done, fold that section to hide it. Now, you should only see the last section.
4. Lastly, choose a number between one and five and do the same thing as above for the last section. This time, you will be drawing the feet.
5. When you are done drawing, unfold your paper to see the unique creature you just made! Give your drawing a title and write it on your paper.



Keep the Fun Going!

Write a story, poem or play about the creature you just made. You can use the questions below to help you get started or you can think of your own questions.

- Where did it come from?
- Where is it going?
- What does it want?
- Does it have a favorite food?
- Does it have a pet?

