



ART ON THE GO

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Mythical Beings Project

Create a mythical being designed from your imagination!

Abraham Anghik Ruben is a North American artist of Inuit descent. He creates work that expresses the identity of his culture. This sculpture represents a shaman transforming into a falcon and other important animals that are meaningful to Ruben's people.

Shamanism is a widely practiced Native American religion in which the shaman communicates with non-human spirits. Shamans serve as messengers between the earthly and spiritual world. They help guide their communities for healing, favorable weather, successful hunting and victory in battle.

Ruben's art is inspired by creatures of the sea and our human connection to animals. Use his sculpture, *Birds, Animals and Spirits* as inspiration for your artistic creation!



Abraham Anghik Ruben, *Birds, Animals, and Spirits*, 2014, Brazilian soapstone, 27¼ × 16¼ × 7 ½ in. Museum Purchase with In-Kind Gift by the Artist. 2014.9.

Sample Projects:



Materials:

- Stencil sheet
- White art paper
- Pattern paper
- Colored pencils
- Glue stick

Materials not included:

- Scissors

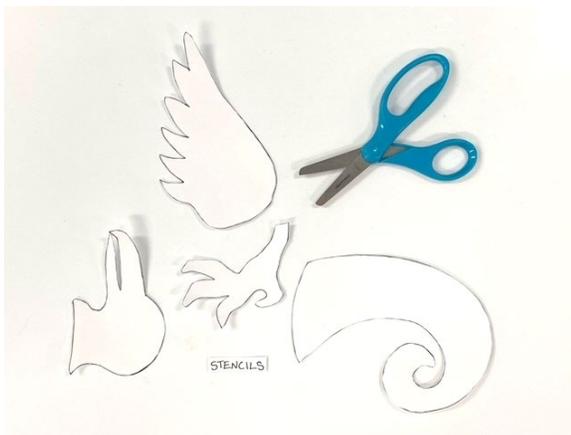


Project Directions:

1. Look at the picture of Ruben's sculpture and the examples. Think about what animals you feel represent you or your family.

Use your imagination! Does your mythical being live in the air, land, water? What are its strengths and powers?

2. Cut out the stencils that are printed on the thick paper. There are circles, hands, feet, claws, wings and more.



3. Use the colored and patterned paper to add colors and textures to your mythical being. Trace the stencils that you want to use onto pattern paper or try drawing your own shapes free hand.



4. Cut out your creature shapes from the pattern paper. Then glue them onto your white paper. Try arranging the shapes in different ways.



5. Continue adding more creature elements. Draw shapes for your creature or add more pattern paper shapes. Use your imagination and have fun collaging your mythical being.

6. Draw a home for your being – where does it live? Add in your background with colored pencils.

