



TE URU HOLIDAY ACTIVITY: *Imagination Station*

3D flying creature

Dream up an exciting mythological creature with wings to create in 3D paper mache

Suitable for children ages 6 (with assistance) through to 14

Developed by Iona Matheson and Kinstry Smythe,
Te Uru Education Team

TE URU HOLIDAY ACTIVITY:

Imagination Station

3D flying creature

YOU WILL NEED:

- A3 (or A4) paper and a drawing pencil
- Coloured pencils and felt tips
- Newspaper or tissues
- Masking tape
- Diluted PVA glue (mix two parts PVA to one part water) or craft paste
- Card
- Acrylic paints of your choice
- Paint and glue brushes
- Fishing line or string
- Damp cloth for cleaning hands

Optional:

- Coloured wool
- Pipe cleaners
- Googly eyes
- Nontoxic gloss varnish
- Sequins



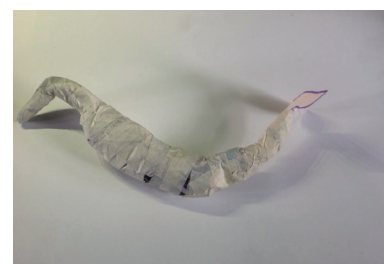
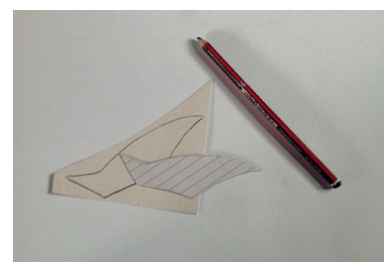
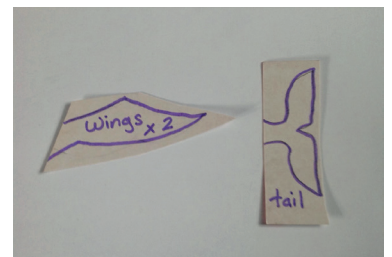
3D flying creature

GUIDE

Get inspired and discover interesting facts about mythological creatures that can fly, like the hippogriff, griffin, pegasus and dragons. Or you could invent your own cool mythical creature with your family by playing the surrealist game *Exquisite Corpse*. Watch this for instructions on how to play. Approximate activity time: 3-5 hours dependant on scale (plus 2-7 days drying time).

First, create a safe space to work in, perhaps put some newspaper down.

1. **DRAW** an outline of your favourite flying mythological creature or your own invented creature on the A3 paper. Is it a friendly kaitiaki of the forests, a fierce fire dragon or a figment of your imagination?
2. **COLOUR** your drawing with coloured pencils and felts
3. **CONSIDER** the scale and design of your 3D flying creature. The larger it is, the longer it will take to make and dry... but a big one could be really fun!
4. **SCRUNCH** a handful of newspaper into a long sausage to create the creature's body shape. Using masking tape, bind it together so it is strong. You can squish into a thinner shape
5. **SCRUNCH** up smaller amounts of newspaper and tape to make a head and neck
6. **MAKE** other body parts (legs, arms, bellies, tails etc, you choose) using the scrunch and tape method
7. **ATTACH** the head and neck, legs etc. to the body with masking tape
8. **BIND** the neck, head and body with masking tape to make the body parts strong. You might need a bit of help as this step can be a little fiddly
9. **DRAW** the wings, tails, eyes, plumes of smoke, horns etc. on the stiff card. For matching wings, draw one wing, then trace its outline onto the card, then cut them out
10. **USE** the masking tape to firmly attach your pre-cut card details (the wings and horns etc.) to the main body of your creature. Well done, this was a big job!



continued over page

3D flying creature

11. **TEAR** the newspaper into postage stamp sized pieces (ask your parents what postage stamps are). Place the torn newspaper in a container – try to keep the torn newspaper flat, it's easier to glue on
12. **START** your paper mache by using a paintbrush to coat your creature with a layer of glue followed by a single layer of torn newspaper, add another layer of glue and then another layer of newspaper until your creature is covered. This will be messy, have a damp cloth handy to wipe your sticky hands
14. **DRY** overnight
15. **REPEAT** paper mache with another glue coating, layer of newspaper, glue coating and a last layer of newspaper
16. **LET** your creature dry. Drying may take a day or two but you're nearly there!
17. **PAINT** your creature any colours you like. Do an undercoat first and try mixing your own colours – have fun! Look at a colour wheel for ideas. Remember to clean your paint brush between colours!
18. **DRY** with a hair dryer
19. **PAINT** on the smaller details, scales, face details, nose, mouth and eyes. If you have some varnish, apply for protection and a glossy finish
20. **ADD** extras, like coloured wool to make a tail, or bright sequins, bind a few pipe cleaners for a unicorn horn, or add a googly eye or three
21. **DRY** again
22. **HANG UP** your flying mythological creature somewhere really special in your house
23. **STAND BACK** and look at your creation. Well done!
24. **UPLOAD** your creation to social media (ask your parents) and be sure to tag us in:
@teurugallery or #teuru
25. **SEND** us a photo: info@teuru.org.nz

Well done on completing your artwork!

We'll be uploading new activities regularly so be sure to keep an eye on our LEARN page for updates.

teuru.org.nz

