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Mythical Hybrid Creatures

Hybrid creatures are fictional beings that fuse features, characteristics, and body parts of multiple real-life animal species. Originating from ancient mythology and folklore, these mythical creatures are some of the most intriguing in the realm of fantasy. Bring life to your own mythical hybrid creature by blending together your favorite real-life animals. Then, think about different aspects of this creature's daily life, including its environment and habits.



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Allegory of Brand Loyalty: Burger King, 1995

Oil on panel

11 x 9 x 14 inches

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Photography: John Bolton

Supplies

- Paper
- Pencil
- Coloring tools (colored pencils, crayons, markers, etc.)
- Reference images from old magazines or the internet

Instructions

1. Search for old magazines or books for images of animals, insects, etc., or print out references from the internet as inspiration.
2. Choose the creatures—and characteristics of each one—that you think will create the most unique composition.
3. Sketch out your creature by blending different elements of your selected references.
4. Color in your hybrid creature. Remember, these creatures are mythical so don't worry about making them look realistic.
5. Decide where your creature lives. Think of the type of environment that it would enjoy the most, then draw that in the background.
6. Add color to the background, then voilà! You have created a creature worthy of its own mythology!

Project Sample

