

Toddler Thursdays



Create a creature!

Do you have a favorite animal? What are some of its features? Does it have wings? Scales? Big eyes? Feathers? What if you could create your own animal?

Let's look at Jaime Hayon's *Green Chicken*. How is it different from a real chicken? Look closely at its legs—instead of having skinny chicken legs, it's a rocking chair! The artist used a chicken as inspiration for this green plastic rocking chair.

Now, look at Nellie Mae Rowe's *Untitled (Pink Creature)*. What animal do you think inspired her pink creature? If you could name it, what would you call it?

Create your own creature! On a piece of paper, use crayons, markers, or colored pencils to draw your creature. Use your favorite animal as inspiration. Does your creature have floppy ears like a dog, a long neck like a giraffe, or a trunk like an elephant?

Once you've finished your creature, give it a name! How does your creature move? What does it sound like?

Jaime Hayon (Spanish, born 1974), *Green Chicken*, 2008, lacquered fiberglass with metal base, High Museum of Art, Atlanta, purchase with funds from the Decorative Arts Acquisition Trust, 2015.6. © Jaime Hayon.
Nellie Mae Rowe (American, 1900–1982), *Untitled (Pink Creature)*, undated, crayon and marker on ruled paper, High Museum of Art, Atlanta, gift of Judith Alexander, 2003.309. © Nellie Mae Rowe.

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