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left: Japan, Meiji period 1868–1912, Vase decorated with lotus, frogs and water plants 1800s, copper alloy, Art Gallery of New South Wales, anonymous gift 2000; opposite and cover (detail): Matsumoto Hōen Jar with design of sea creatures 1800s, enamelled porcelain, Art Gallery of New South Wales, gift of the Japanese Commissioners at the Sydney International Exhibition 1879. Photos: © AGNSW

Do you love to draw, paint and make things?

Artists love to create. Some artists like to make artworks out of clay, glazes and metal. In Japan, scenes from nature and the forms of plants and animals are often used to decorate objects.

We acknowledge the Gadigal of the Eora Nation, the traditional custodians of the Country on which the Art Gallery of New South Wales stands.



Spot the aquatic animals that decorate the outside of this jar. Notice the fine lines of the fishing net at the top.



You will need:
Coloured markers
Paint or colouring pencils
Glue
Scissors
Coloured paper
Glitter glue
Sequins
Stick-on gemstones
Wool
Your imagination!

Aquatic animals

Be inspired by these intricate designs and draw your own aquatic creatures on the empty jar.

What animals and plants will you use? What could you add to make parts of your design stand out?

