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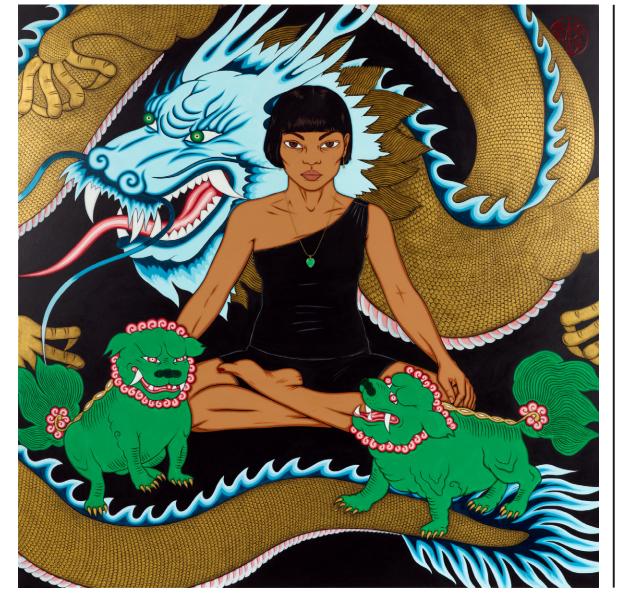
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Artists love to create.

In many Asian countries, artists use mythical creatures as symbols in their artwork. One of the most popular is the dragon, a symbol of luck and power, but there are many other creatures that also have special powers.

Do you love to draw, paint and make things?





above: Thailand, Buddha sheltered by the seven-headed serpent Muchalinda 1800s, bronze, gold leaf, crystal, Art Gallery of New South Wales, purchased 1948.

left and cover (detail):
Kate Beynon Selfportrait with guardian
spirits 2009–10,
synthetic polymer
paint on linen, Art
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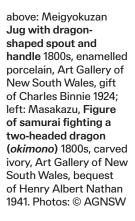
Mythical creatures

creature by combining animals. What special

powers will your creature possess?

You will need: Modelling clay Joggle eyes Chenille stems Wool Recycled card, fabric Your imagination!





Some of these imaginary creatures are made up of features of different animals, sometimes even humans.



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