



Family Resource : Chico da Silva: *And the soul is for the birds*



Materials:

- A3 coloured paper
- Drawstring bag with prompts
- Selection of colourful shapes
- Selection of patterned papers
- Large piece of fabric
- Story book

Creature Mix & Match Gallery 1

In Gallery 1 is the artwork of artist Chico da Silva. Chico painted creatures from his own imagination. Instead of going to art school to learn how to paint, Chico taught himself by painting animals on the walls of buildings in his hometown. He became famous around the world with his colourful creatures.

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Activity: Create your creature

Pick a piece of A3 coloured paper for your background.

Choose a prompt from the bag. Try to keep it a secret!

Make your part by laying different shapes, colours and patterned papers onto your background.

Can someone you're with create a different part?

Now join your parts together to make a creature.

Is it what you thought it would look like?

Try making another creature so you have two.

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Bring your creatures together. They could be close together or far apart.

What do you notice? What's different about them?
What's the same?

Are they looking at each other? If they could talk to each other, what would they say?

**Activity: Creative
Storytelling**

Where do you think your creatures live? In the sea?
On land? In outer space?

Tell the story of your creatures out loud.



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