



Draw a Maurice Sendak monster

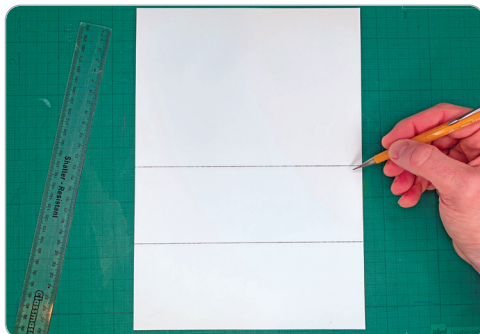
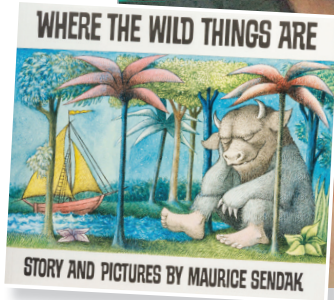
Hello, my name's Olaf Falafel. I'm a dad, a stand-up comedian and the author and illustrator of the *Trixie Pickle Art Avenger* books. Every month I show you how to create art based on the works of famous artists, plus I tell you a really bad joke, like this one: What's orange and sounds like a parrot? A carrot!

This week, I thought I'd tell you about one of my children's book illustration heroes, Maurice Sendak. Sendak was an American illustrator who is best known for his book *Where the Wild Things Are*. The main character is a boy called Max who escapes to a land where monsters try, unsuccessfully, to scare him.

Follow this step-by-step guide to draw your very own wild thing. Yours doesn't have to look like mine, but to make it look Maurice Sendakky (if that's a word!) be sure to give it lots of teeth, a big nose and yellow eyes. Try adding features from real animals, like sharp talons or scaly skin. Let your imagination run wild and mix things up – you could draw a horned head on a feathery body with giant furry paws.

What you need

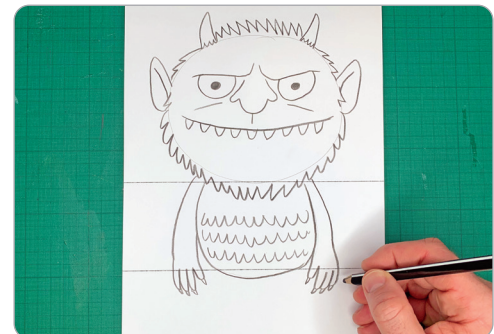
- A sheet of white paper
- A ruler
- A pencil
- Coloured pencils



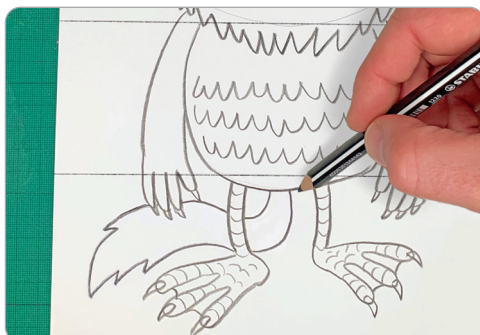
1 Use a ruler to draw two lines on the paper, one roughly halfway and the other about a quarter of the way up.



2 In the top section draw the head – it can go over the lines, they are just a guide. Maurice Sendak's monsters tend to have quite big heads.



3 The body and arms go in the second section. Is your monster's body furry or feathery? Lean and skinny or big and muscly?



4 Draw the feet and a tail in the bottom section. Think of animals to inspire you – could you have scaly claws and a stripy cat's tail?



5 To colour your monster in, use muted shades, meaning ones that aren't too bright. Think blacks, browns, navy blues and olive greens.



6 Use lots of short lines to give the impression of fur or scales. Using two different colours next to each other can create a textured look.

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