



# Create mix-and-match monsters

## What you need

- A4 paper
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Colouring pencils
- Scissors

Olaf Falafel is a children's author, illustrator, dad of two daughters and a comedian. During the first lockdown he created an online Art Club ([tinyurl.com/TWJ-olafart](https://tinyurl.com/TWJ-olafart)). When he's not writing about art for *The Week Junior*, you'll find him performing stand-up comedy or illustrating books. He's recently finished the drawings for a new book with Andy Jones called *Unleash Your Creative Monster*, which is filled with hundreds of monsters. Over to you, Olaf...

"Drawing all the monsters in *Unleash Your Creative Monster* got me thinking about an artist called Leonora Carrington. She liked to create weird and wonderful creatures in her work, which is perfect for Halloween in a couple of weeks. She was a surrealist artist and her paintings are strange, dream-like scenes filled with monsters. (Surrealism is a type of art where things are deliberately very unusual.) A lot of the creatures she created are part-human, part-animal and part-ghost. If you look closely you can see traces of cow, bits of birds and glimpses of werewolf – all very weird.

"I thought it would be funny to make my own Leonora Carrington-inspired mix-and-match monster-maker. With this one, the more you draw, the more combinations you'll be able to make. Get inspired by looking at actual animals, and fantasy creatures such as dragons and demons."

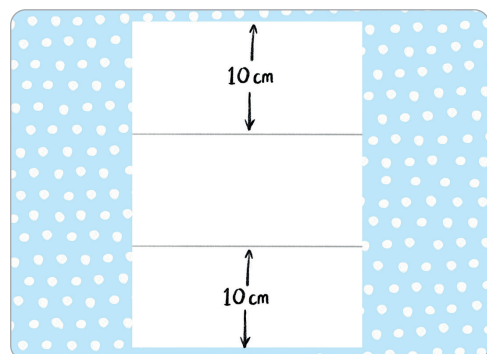
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Be careful when using scissors and ask an adult for help if you need it.



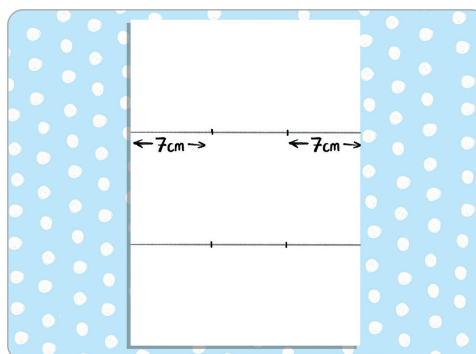
Olaf Falafel's new book.



Olaf Falafel with his scary creation.



**1** Draw two lines across your sheet of paper, 10 centimetres from the top and bottom.



**2** Mark four points – two on each line, seven centimetres in from both sides.



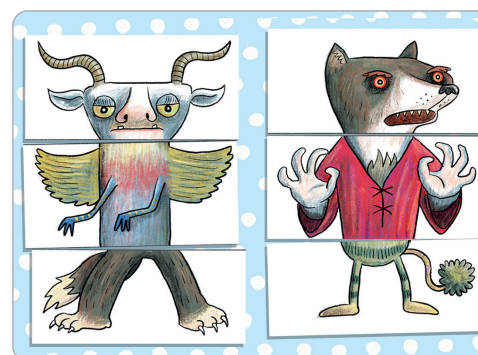
**3** Draw a creature – make sure the neck and waist pass through the four marked points.



**4** Colour in your monster and carefully cut along the lines.



**5** Repeat steps 1 to 4 to make more weird and wonderful monsters.



**6** Have fun mixing and matching to find your favourite combinations!

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