

mix it up

Materials needed:

Three sheets of paper, pencil, ruler, colored pencils or markers, & scissors

Objective:

The student will create three surreal mix-and-match figures.

How to do it:

Grades 3-6:

1. Measure and fold each sheet of paper into three equal sections.
2. Draw three types of heads on the top section of each sheet. They may be of animals, historic figures, aliens, monsters etc. The bottom of the heads should come close to the fold at the bottom of the section.
3. In the second section of each sheet, draw a matching midsection (neck to waist) to go with each head.
4. In the third section of each sheet, draw the bottom of each figure (waist to feet).
5. Add color using colored pencil or marker.
6. Neatly cut down the section lines of each sheet of paper. This should give you three sets of legs, three midsections, and three heads.
7. Now, have fun mixing up the sections to create new creatures.
8. Optional: Swap sections with classmates and add more figures to the mix.

Remember the more the three figures contrast, the more exciting the final project. Have FUN interchanging the different sections of each surreal figure!

How this art relates to Dalí:

The Surrealists enjoyed playing games that would help them be more creative and free their unconscious mind. One of these games was titled "Exquisite Corpse." The artists would each draw a section of the figure without seeing what the previous person had drawn. The result would be a work of art that was playful and spontaneous.

