Funny, Furry, and Fabulous

Featured Story:
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**A Pet Monkey and a Crab**

1824 or 1826
Keisai Eisen, woodblock print, 1901.51.1957 (eMuseum Link)

This fun print features a pet monkey and a crab. Even without knowing the full story behind this image, this is certainly a fun print! Each animal has something in their hand or claw. The Crab has a rice cake and the monkey is holding a red object. The details in this print draw you in and really make us want to know the story behind the image!

**Rebecca Orne**

1757, Joseph Badger, oil on canvas 1971.101 (eMuseum Link)

This portrait is about 270 years old and features a young girl, Rebecca Orne, holding a squirrel. Funny enough, this squirrel probably was not her pet! At this time in America, it was very popular to include things like squirrels in children’s portraits. This could be compared to adding something like an emoji on a selfie today!

**Boy and His Dog**

about 1978-1982, Eli Reed, gelatin silver print 2007.193 (eMuseum Link)

This photograph shows the nice relationship between this young boy and his fuzzy, happy dog. By keeping the background plain, the photographer has made sure that we focus on the boy and dog as subjects.
Pet Cartoons!

Supplies

- Drawing Paper
- Pencil
- Eraser
- Pen, Marker, or Ink

Create

We are going to use simple shapes to start off our pet cartoons!

1. First, pick the type of animal you want to draw
2. Then, figure out what basic shapes (circle, triangle, square, rectangle, etc.) it would be best to start with as a base. Two circles were used to start the dog.
3. Change your basic shapes to look a bit more like your chosen pet. Here the top circle was made thinner and ears were added; a tail was added, and the bottom circle had the legs “carved” out.
4. Make any further changes needed to the shape of your cartoon. Remember, you can use your eraser if needed, but we will erase all the pencil at the end!
5. Now sketch out your details in pencil - nose, eyes, hair/fur/scales.
6. Once happy with how your cartoon looks, trace over your best lines in pen, marker, or ink.
7. Lastly, after giving your ink a couple minutes to dry, erase all those pencil lines.
Create

1. First, set your background paper to the side so you do not accidentally cut it up!
2. Second, cut your scrap papers into different shapes: circles, squares, triangles, star, funny shapes, etc.
3. Arrange your shapes on your background paper as you think about what animal each shape might be!
   o You don’t have to use all your shapes - you could even change the shapes you already made!
4. Play with the shapes - try them in different places - but don’t glue anything down until you are sure that’s where you want it. You might want to cut additional shapes for details, too.
5. Once you are sure of where you want your pieces, you can start gluing your small detail pieces to the larger shapes.
6. Next you will be starting to glue the larger shapes to your background. Glue the shape that is furthest in the back of your animal group to the back.
7. Now, use your marker or crayon or colored pencils to add your details to the shape you glued down. You can really make it look like an animal!
8. Then you will glue the next shape down, add the details and move on to the next until you are done.
9. Have fun! These animal shapes do not need to look just like animals - but can be colorful and fun, like the example above!