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Pedro Linares: Alebrijes

Pedro Linares Lopez was a Mexican artist in the 1930s who specialized in paper mache figurines. He started with making figurines for Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo and then began his own journey making figurines of pretty much anything. Around the age of 30 Pedro became very ill, this is where his idea of “Alebrijes” came from. Alebrijes are mythical creatures. It is said that Pedro dreamt of dying and then being reborn in a land filled with these creatures. He came across a man and asked for help escaping this unknown land. Story sounds familiar? Sounds a lot like Disney Pixar’s COCO. Anywho, when Pedro finally recovered from his illness he began to create these figures of the animals he saw in his dreams. Today you can find Alebrijes being made and sold all over Mexico.

In this activity the student will sketch an Alebrije that represents who they are. Once they are satisfied with their sketch the student will color their Alebrije using markers, crayons, or colored pencils. After completing this exercise students will be able to:



- Explain how the Alebrije represents them
- Define what an Alebrije is
- Explain who Pedro Linares was

Materials:

- Pencil
- Paper
- Markers, Crayons, or Colored Pencils
- Eraser

Instructions:

- 1) Sketch the animal or creature that best represents who you are as a person
- 2) Add in as many details as you can
- 3) Once you are satisfied with your drawing start coloring it using bright colors
- 4) Write out a short description of your Alebrije’s abilities and why you chose it



*Challenge: Using Paper
3D sculpture of your Alebrije*

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