



# Create Your Own Dragon!



## Learn:

Pictures and stories about dragons have been around for many, many years. Dragons have different meanings in different cultures. In China, dragons are symbols of power and good luck and they protect people. They control lakes, rivers, and rainfall.

For artist Master Shen-Long, dragons are an important personal symbol of creativity. His name translates as "Spirit Dragon." He often includes dragons in his artwork. When you visit the exhibit at the Hilliard Art Museum, see how many dragons you can find.

Chinese dragons are made up of different animal parts. They are often shown as having horns like a deer, a head like a crocodile, a body like a snake, scales like a fish, feet like a tiger, and claws like an eagle.

## Create a Dragon:

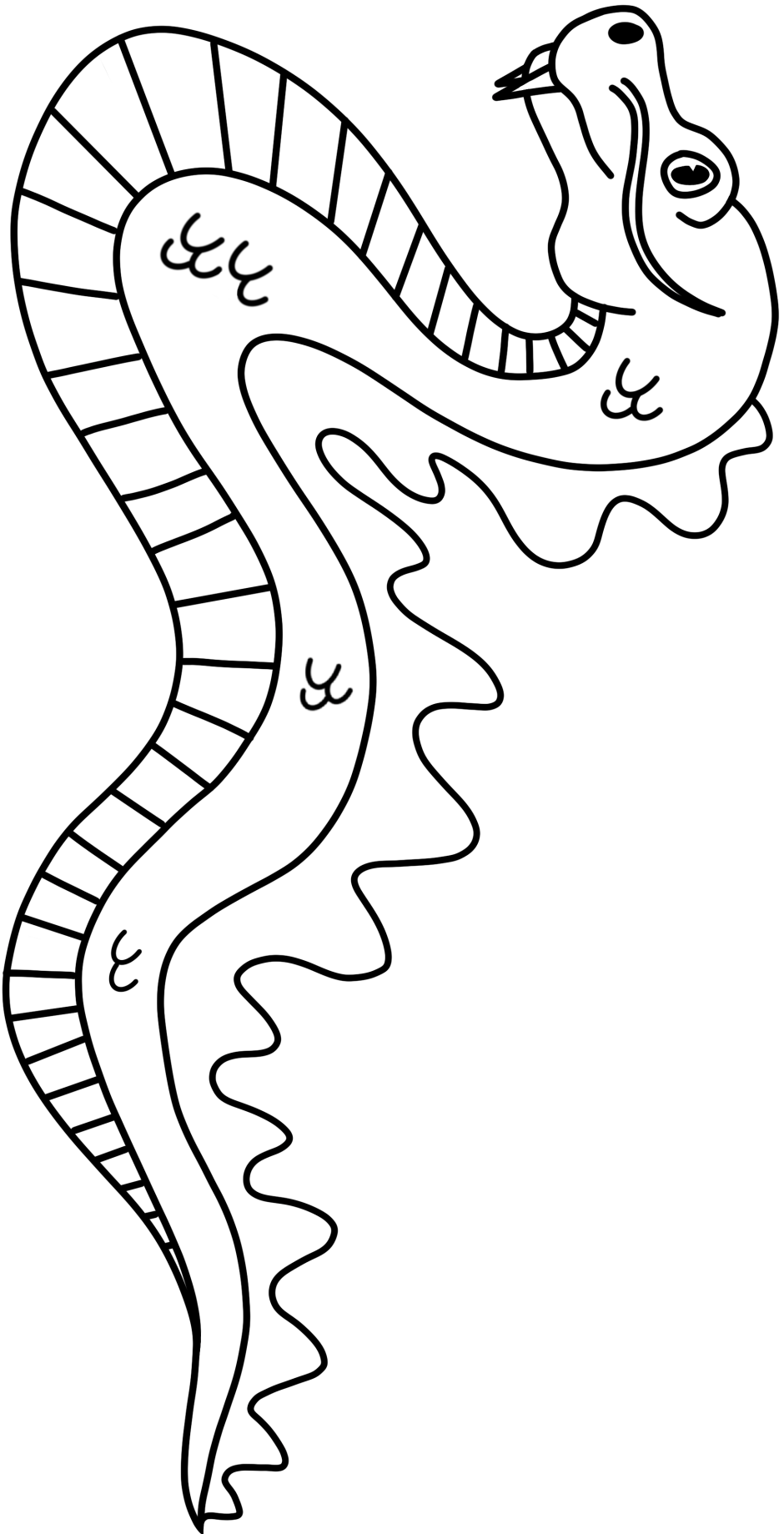
Choose from the different ears, wings, and legs to make your own dragon. Or, draw a dragon from your imagination.

## Tell a Story:

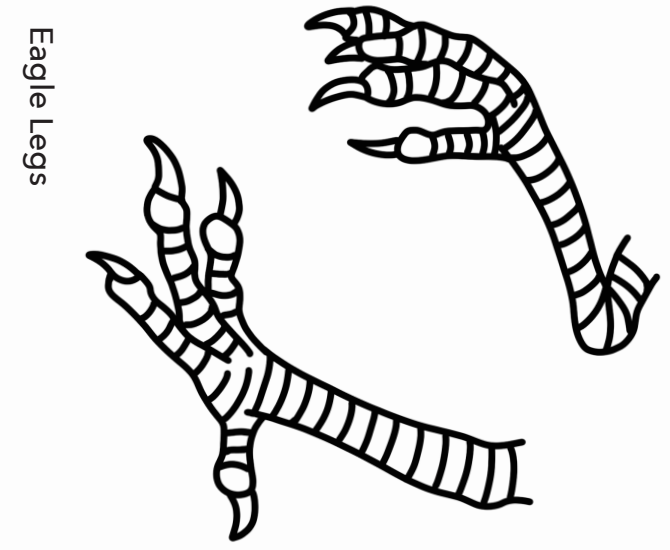
Imagine a problem your dragon needs to solve. Summarize your story idea by completing the example sentence below:

My dragon wants \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_ so  
[write what your dragon wants] [describe a problem]

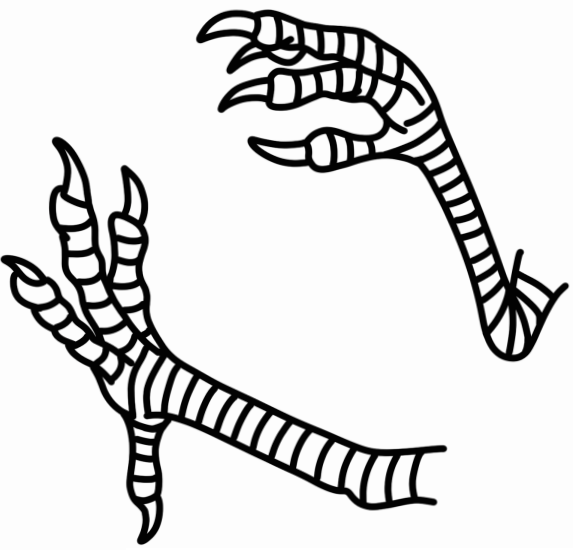
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[tell how the dragon solves the problem]



Dragon Body



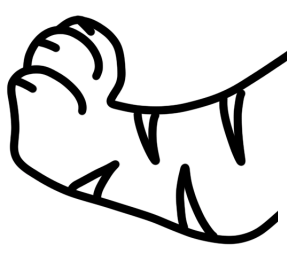
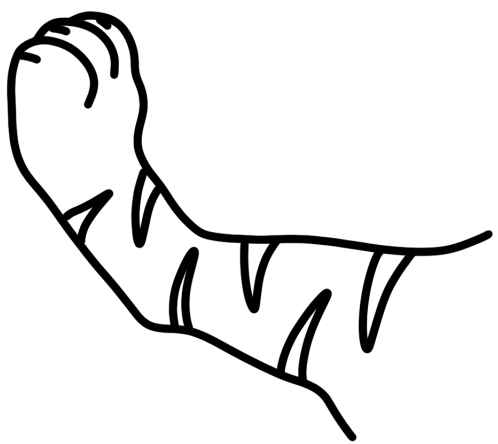
Eagle Legs



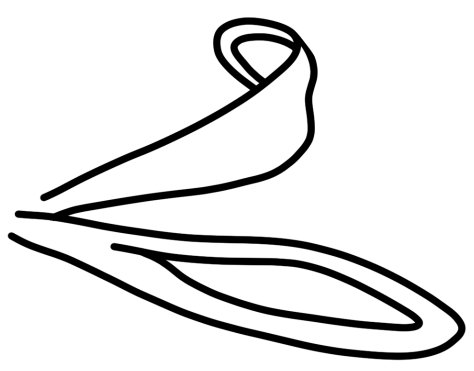
Deer Ears



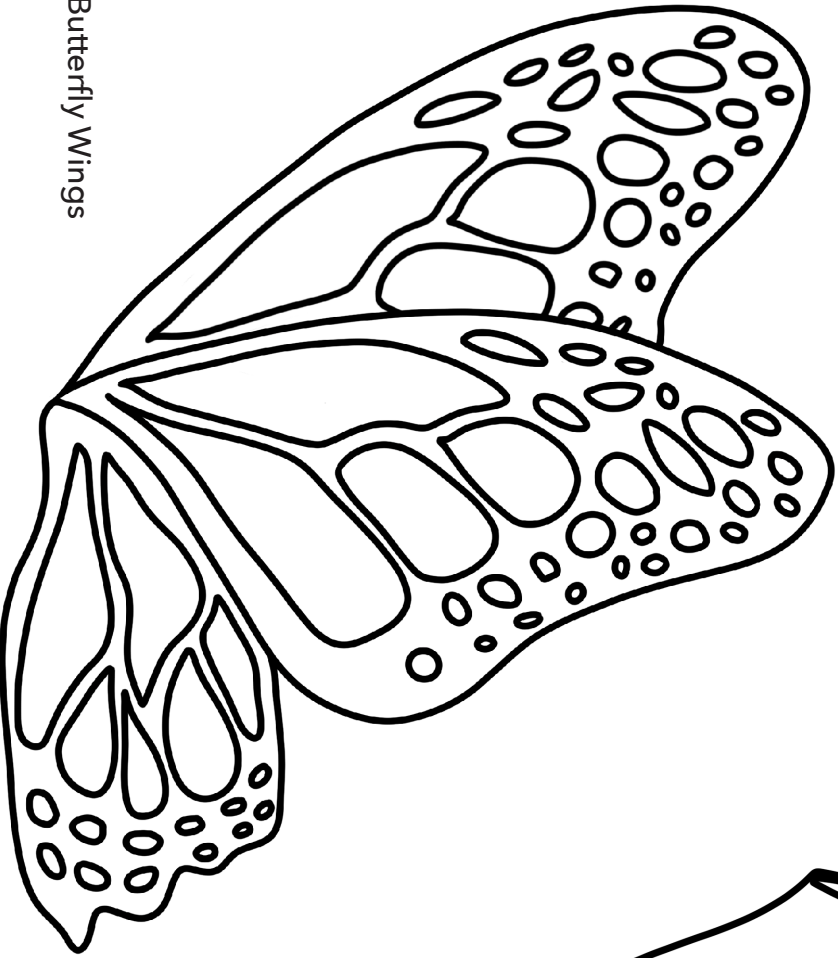
Tiger Legs



Rabbit Ears



Butterfly Wings



Bat Wings

