**Cultura – Alebrijes (Beautiful monsters of Mexico)**

*“All across Mexico, fantastical creatures can be found dotting the streets, covered in bright colors, giant wings, bulging eyes and viper tongues. These are [alebrijes](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alebrije" \t "_blank),*[*papier-mâché*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paper_mach%C3%A9)*creations that have become a staple of Mexican folk art. But how did these beautiful monsters come to be? That’s all thanks to one man with a dream. As history has it, after falling into an unconscious state,*[*Pedro Linares*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Linares_family_(alebrijes_and_cartoner%C3%ADa)#Pedro_Linares)*dreamed up a series of horrific creatures. Upon waking, he created his first sculpture. Today, his family continues to carry on the tradition of monster-making, keeping Pedro’s visions alive”*

Watch the two videos about Alebrijes, then create your own Alebrije by choosing one of the options below, write a paragraph (or a few sentences) in English about what you learned, and take a picture to share your final work.

**Making my own Alebrije:**

**Option one:** Draw your own alebrije – Make sure to use lots of colores.

**Option two:** Check out this link to make your own Alebrije from foil and cardbord.

<http://meghcallie.blogspot.com/2015/02/oaxacan-animals-with-foil-and-cardboard.html>

Option one: Draw your own



Option two: Make your own

