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Minnie Adkins

Minnie Adkins is an Appalachian treasure hailing from the foothills of Eastern Kentucky. Minnie has perfected her whittling and wood-carving skills since her father gave her a pocketknife in her childhood. Since then, Minnie has been carving her way into history books and collections of museums such as the American Folk Art Museum, Smithsonian Institute, the National Gallery of Art, the Kentucky Folk Art Museum and the Folk Art Collection at the Huntington Museum of Art. Minnie is nationally known for not only her playful wood carvings, but also her children's book, quilts, and paintings.



Folk Artists Jo Ann Butts (left) and Minnie Adkins (right).

ACTIVITY

Paper Tube Animals

Do you have a ton of paper towel or toilet paper rolls laying around the house? Repurpose them into Folk Art-inspired animals!

Materials:

Paper Towel or Toilet Paper Roll
Pencil
Marker
Scissors
Paints and Brushes

Instructions:

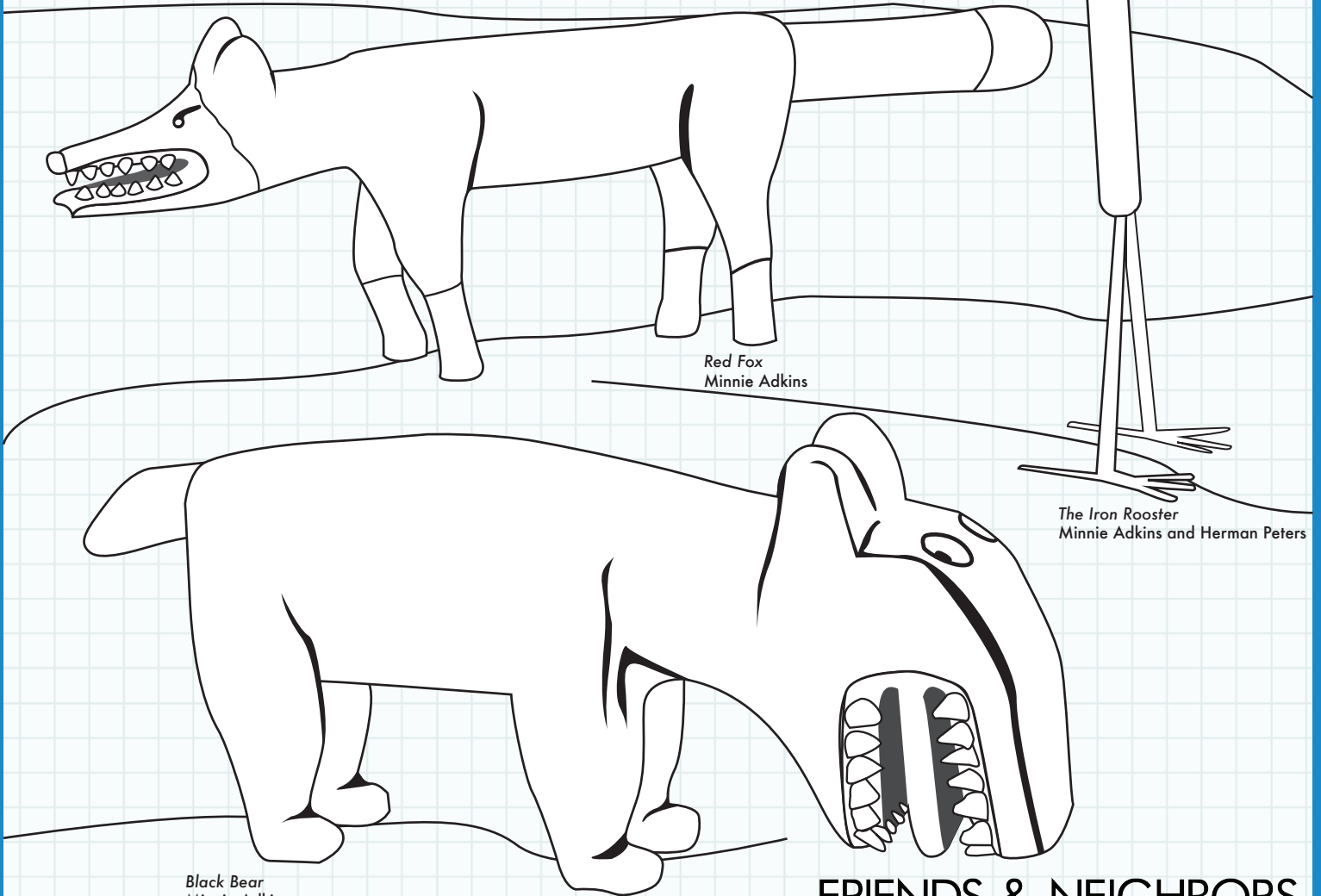
- Start by flattening your paper tube.
- Draw the bisected silhouette of an animal.
- Cut out your shape with a pair of scissors.
- Pop your paper tube back into the round.
- Fold the animal's head or tail as needed.
- Paint. Think about colors. Do you want a realistic look or something more surreal?



The playful creations of Minnie Adkins never fail to make us smile.

Use your imagination to color Minnie's iconic fox, rooster and bear!

Use the empty space to draw your own animal.



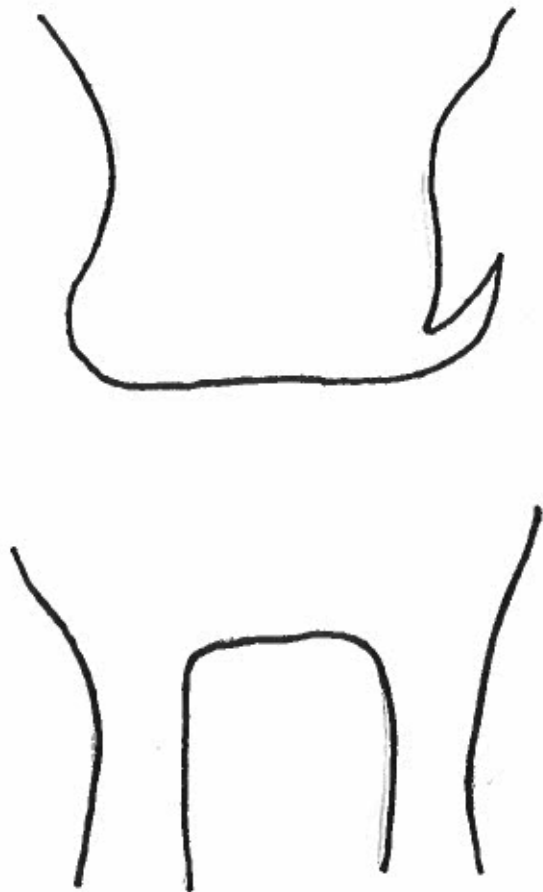
Red Fox
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The Iron Rooster
Minnie Adkins and Herman Peters

Black Bear
Minnie Adkins

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Fox



Giraffe

