

# Draw Your Own Fossil Creature



Instructions to draw your own fossilised skeleton and creature.

This fictional example from the story *Phyllis and the Fossil Finders* shows the fossilised skeleton and the original living creature which came back to life. You can see the size and shape of its head and beak, the short wing bones, longer hind legs and a tail.

## Step 1:

Create your rock or use the template.

## Step 2:

Draw in the skeleton of the fossilised creature - remember this is just bones. Think of the number of legs, shape of its head and body, extra possible features such as beak, tail, feet, claws.

## Step 3:

On a new sheet of paper, draw your real-life creature. You could trace over parts of the skeleton to match the size and shape. Remember the layers of skin, feathers or fur might make the actual head and body slightly larger than the skeleton.

## Step 4:

For finishing touches, think of what additional features the creature has that would not be shown on the skeleton - wings, ears, antenna, feathers, nose, beak, fur, hair, spikes.

## Step 5:

Add colour and expression with final features such as eyes and mouth.

What will your fossil creature look like before and after?



# Draw Your Own Fossil Creature - Template

