

## The Perplexed Dragon

This puzzle is incomplete. It needs both your hands and the use of a pair of scissors to complete it.

### Instructions, prior to assembly:

You will notice marked lines on several pieces of the puzzle. These lines are meant for you to cut into slots that will help assemble the puzzle. Look at pieces with pre-cut slots for examples of what these slots look like. Do not cut all the way through as your dragon will be unable to stand; rather, cut to the end of the marked line. Once you have done this to the marked lines on each piece, your dragon is ready to assemble.

Look at the image to try to figure out how to piece the dragon together. Experiment and play with the shapes to see how they might fit together.

### Need some clues? Here they are!

Clue 1: The slots fit together. Try fitting one slot into another and see what happens.

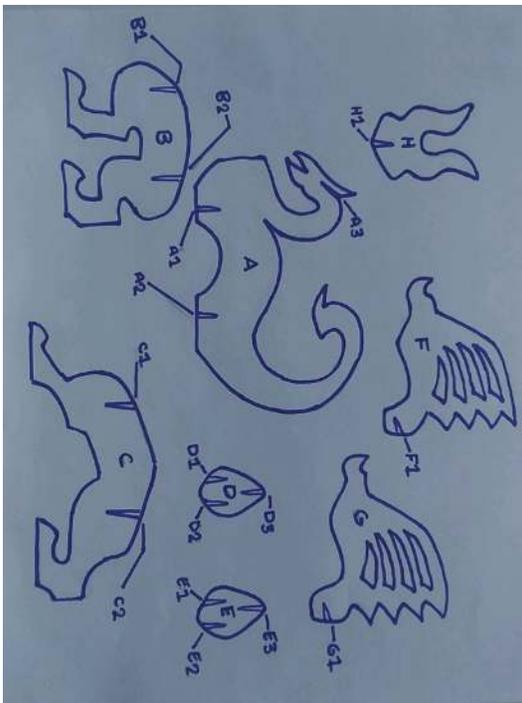
Clue 2: Pieces E and D connect the body of the dragon to each of its legs. Think of them as the equivalent of shoulders and hips with sockets that connect the legs to the body.

Clue 3: Build the body of the dragon first, and then add the wings and horns!

### Have you solved the puzzle?

If not, use the steps below to bring your dragon to fire-breathing life!

1. Start with Pieces A and D. Put slot D3 into slot A1.
2. Take Piece E; fit slot E1 into slot A2. At this point you should have a dragon body with connected hip/shoulder sockets.
3. Take Piece B and your constructed dragon body. Slide B1 into D2.
4. Do the same thing with B2 and E2. You should now have a dragon body with one side of legs attached.
5. Take Piece C and slide C1 into D1.
6. Do the same with C2 and E1. Your dragon should now be able to stand on its own four feet!
7. Take piece F and place the slot on the upper portion of Piece B. You should have a dragon with one wing attached.
8. Do the same for Piece G and Piece C. You should now have a dragon with two wings attached!
9. Take Piece H and connect slot H1 with slot A3. Your dragon is now complete!



*Ta Da!* A dragon able to stand on its own four claws! Complete with wings and horns as well!

Now that you have assembled the pieces, continue to customize your construction! Give it scales, decorate its wings with tissue paper, add color and other decorative elements to complete your very own *Perplexed Dragon*!

