



ALEBRIJES

De Oaxaca Mexico



Let's find Oaxaca on the map...

You can see that it is in the South of Mexico. What else do you notice about the state of Oaxaca?

Alebrijes are fantastical creatures...





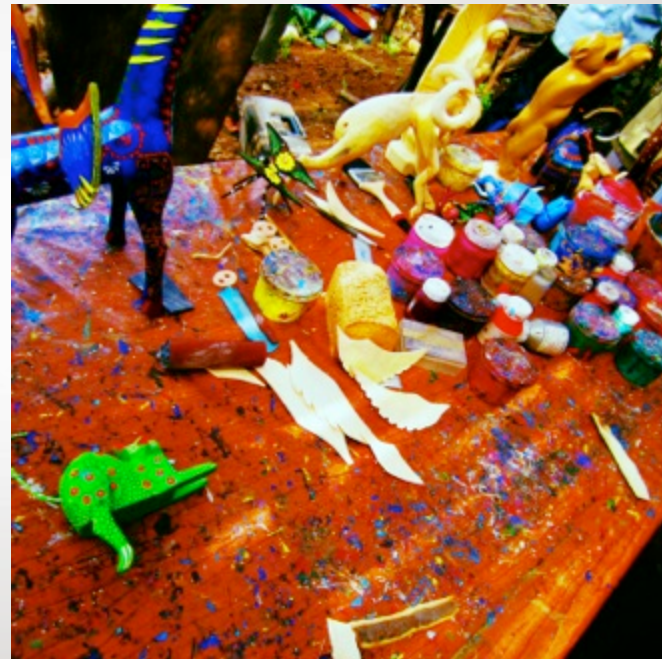
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are brightly colored Mexican folk art sculptures. The first alebrijes were created by Pedro Linares. After dreaming of the creatures while sick in the 1930s, he began to create what he saw in cardboard and papier mâché. His work was admired by artists Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera.

NOW, PEOPLE USE COPAL
WOOD TO CARVE ALEBRIJES



Then they paint the creatures very carefully
with special designs



Mira a los alebrijes...



Look at the colors





El Gato

If you look closely, you can see the tiny purple dots...



El Conejo



Elefante

Wow! Look at the intricate work and designs...

El Colibri





Artists make signs using the alebrije technique.





El Jaguar

This alebrije was in a museum!

An ornate, symmetrical decorative border in a light gray color, featuring intricate scrollwork and floral motifs, framing the central text area against a dark background.

Artistic techniques...

WHAT DO YOU NOTICE?