



Artist Mario Mariotti and his handmade chicken

HUMANDS AND HANIMALS

The hand is more than a tool we use to fetch and carry. According to Mario Mariotti, the hand can become a canvas where we can create animals and people.

In his two photo books published by Green Tiger Press titled *Humans* and *Hanimals*, Mariotti, a painter, film maker, author and conceptual artist from Florence, Italy, shapes his

hand into the form of animals or people, paints it and glues on an eye to create a caricature of the subject.

Using the books as a springboard, the artist suggests that the reader create his own imaginary characters with water-based paint.

The books are available at Green Tiger Press, 1061 India Street (downtown San Diego), and in La Jolla at The White Rabbit Bookstore and John Cole's Bookshop.

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