

CRAZY FOR BIRDS

Birdilicious activities,
coloring sheets,
and more!



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HOW TO MAKE A PLASTIC BOTTLE BIRDFEEDER



MATERIALS:



STRING



A PLASTIC
BOTTLE



2 STICKS
(could be
chopsticks
or pencils!)



SCISSORS
and a TACK



BIRDSEED



1. Clean and dry your plastic bottle.
2. Make holes on either side of the bottle to push the sticks through; sticks should be perpendicular to each other. PROTIP: In order to make holes easily, poke a thumbtack into the bottle, and then expand the hole using scissors.
3. About 1.5" above each stick, create a feeding hole. Feeding hole should be about .5".
4. Near the top of the bottle, make 2 holes and thread a string through for hanging.
5. Add birdfeed!
6. Hang at eye level or higher, nearby to some bush or tree cover where birds can escape from predators.

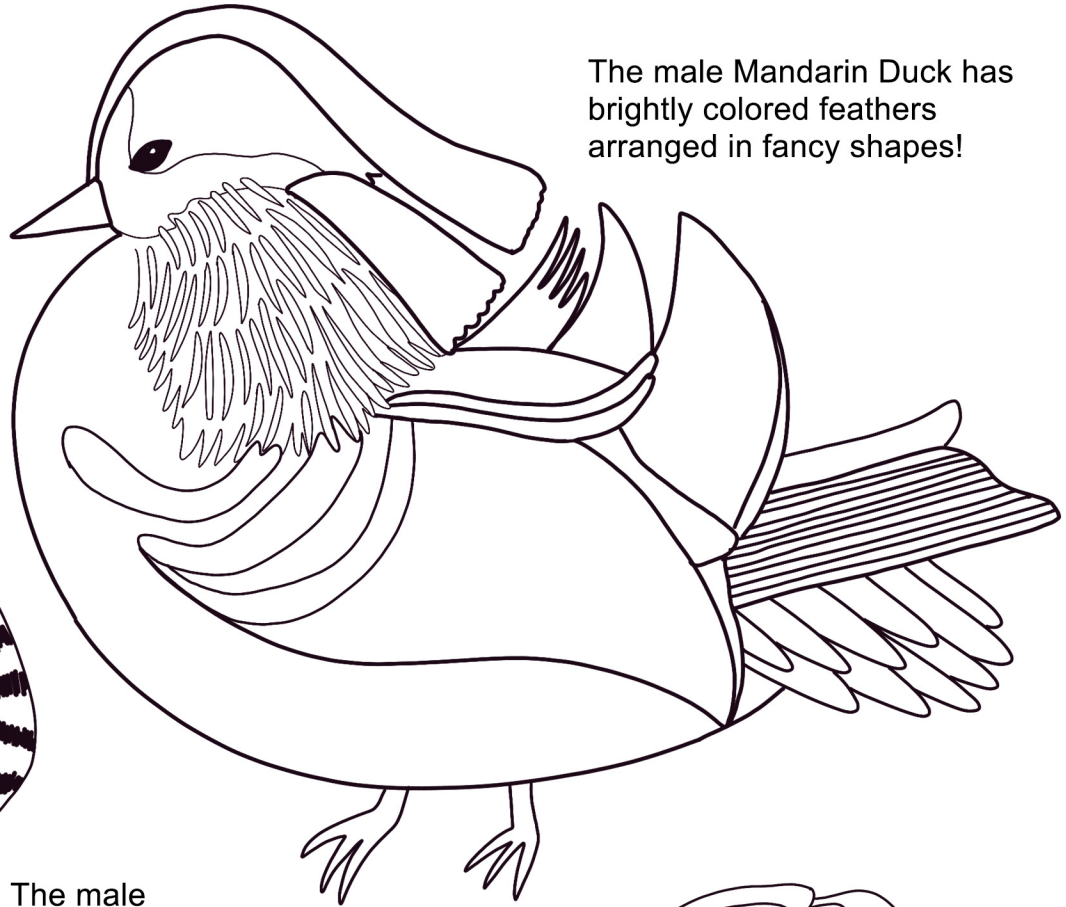
These instructions were adapted from ecosapien.org. See the video on YouTube, Eco How: How to make a Bird Feeder from a Plastic Bottle

It may take a day or two for birds to discover your feeder, but word spreads fast in bird world. Soon you should have plenty of visitors!

FABULOUS FEATHERS!

Some birds have the most eccentric and crazy feather styles.

The male Mandarin Duck has brightly colored feathers arranged in fancy shapes!



The male King-of-Saxony Bird-of-Paradise has two long feathers that look like antennae!



The male California Quail has one large plume dangling off his forehead!



Art challenge: On a blank piece of paper, invent your own bird with unique feather style!

PAPER BIRD ASSEMBLAGE

An assemblage art piece is an object made from different pieces fitted together (in this case, paper shapes)! You can use different colored or patterned papers, magazine pages, or even paper that's you've painted on.

1. Basically you are going to cut out some basic shapes and glue them together to form a bird.

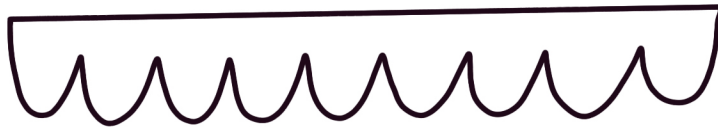
BODY
SHAPE

TAIL
PIECES

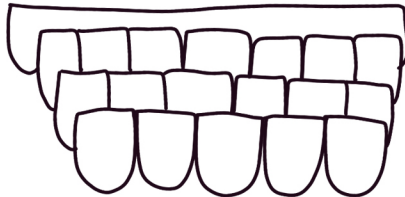
BEAK! ▷

2. What makes this assemblage bird special is its wings. Start with the top piece, which should be straight on one side and scalloped on the other.

TOP WING PIECE:



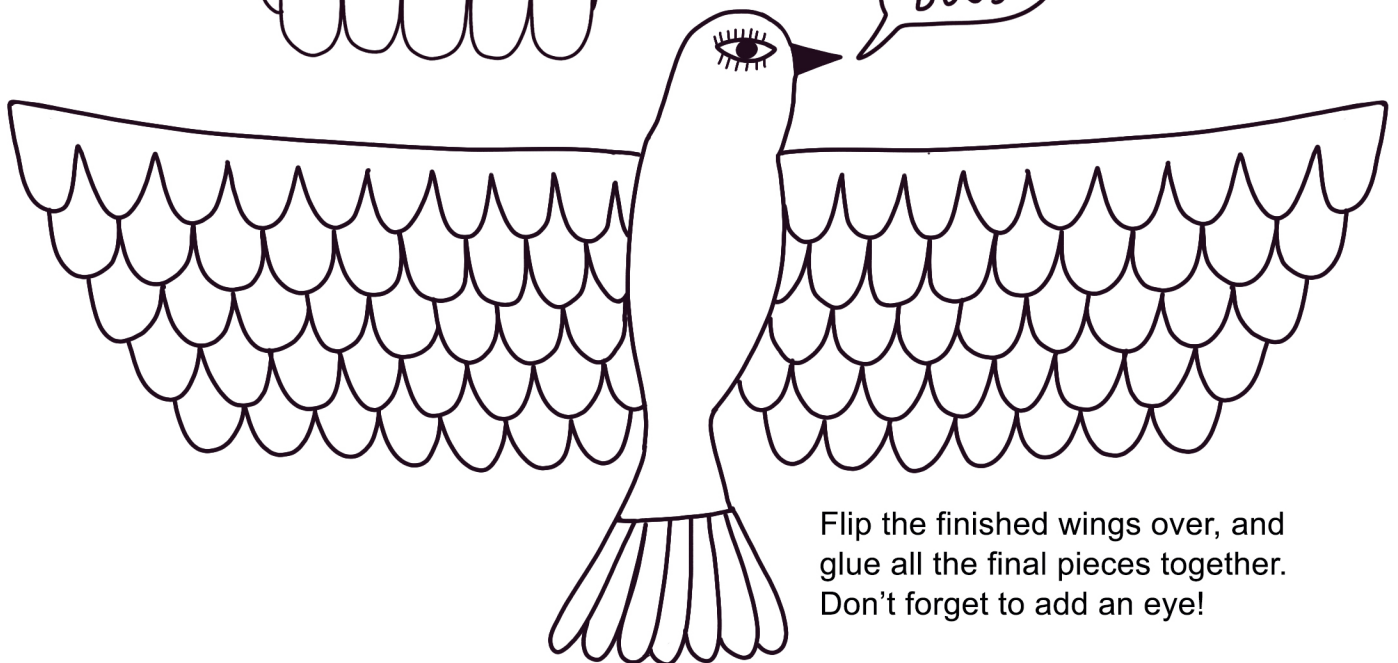
- 4 The back of the wing should look something like this:



- 3 Cut out many pieces of this "feather" shape. Glue them onto the back of the top wing piece to form an overlapping grid.



LIKE A
BOSS



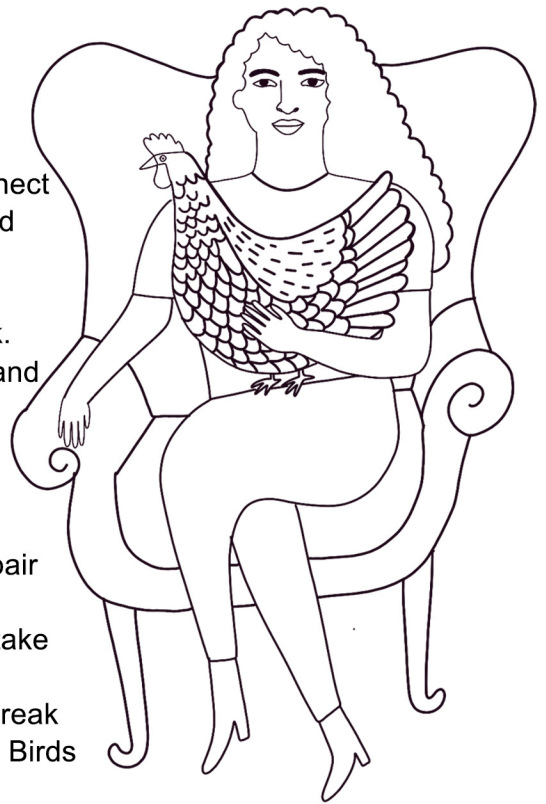
Flip the finished wings over, and glue all the final pieces together. Don't forget to add an eye!

BIRDING BASICS

BIRD WATCHING IS FOR EVERYONE!

Bird watching is all about taking the time to slow down and connect with nature; all you have to do is attune your senses to the world around you, and watch and listen to the birds.

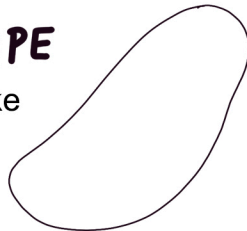
1. Find an area where birds are present in your yard or at a park.
2. Find a place to sit comfortably. Just take in the environment and see what bird sounds or sights you start to notice. A big part of honing your birding skills is just being able to patiently observe what's around you. It's kind of a meditative experience.
3. If you want to get more acquainted with your local feathered friends, consider investing in an identification guide book, or a pair of binoculars (you might be able to find used ones for cheap!)
4. Another way to connect with the birds is to try and sketch or take notes about what you see in a notebook.
5. It's ok if you can't identify all the birds, the point is to take a break from the stresses of modern urban life and connect with nature. Birds are always around us, if only we take a moment to see them!



HOW TO DRAW A SIMPLE CARTOON BIRD

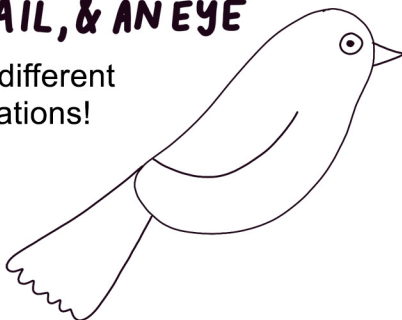
1. CREATE AN INITIAL SHAPE

Basically a blob-like oval shape



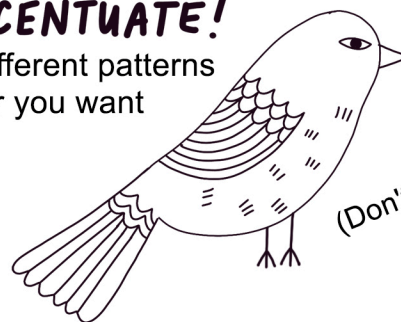
2. ADD WING, A TAIL, & AN EYE

Try different variations!



3. ACCENTUATE!

create different patterns wherever you want



(Don't forget feet!)

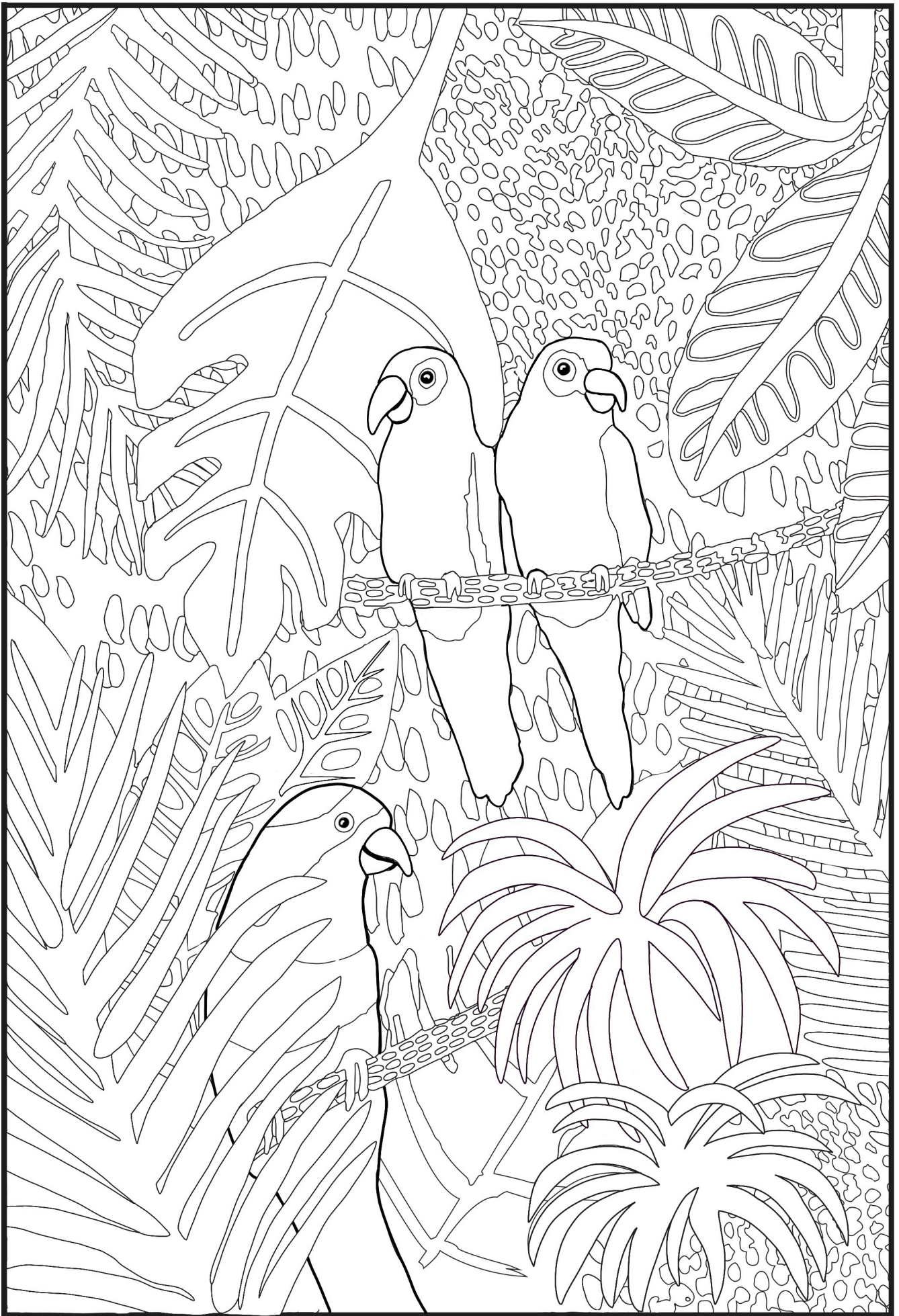
TO DRAW YOUR BIRD FLYING...

Just put the wings on either side to let your bird soar!



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TAKE A
MINUTE
AND



HEY
THERE!

LISTEN to
the BIRDS

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Find a place out in your neighborhood to hang this friendly reminder (careful not to damage any public property!)