

Spike's Object Activity

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Theme; Birds



BIRDS; Hummingbirds

Spike is fascinated by this tiny bird in our Natural History gallery. He has never seen one flying in the garden so he decided to find out more.

Here are some interesting facts;

- A hummingbird is a bird that flaps its wings so fast in flight that it makes a high-frequency humming sound and appears to hover.
- It is known for its small, lightweight body, long bill, rapidly beating wings and powerful senses of sight and hearing.
- Hummingbirds are native to the Americas with the most species in Central and South America and the Caribbean. They are not found in Europe—yet we have 5 in the museum collection!
- The average lifespan of a hummingbird is 5 to 10 years.
- They can fly at 25 to 30 miles per hour. They use a lot of energy when flying so they need to eat a lot too. Hummingbirds feed mainly on nectar, but they can also sip tree sap, juice from fruits, or eat small insects.
- Female hummingbirds lay only two eggs and build a nest in preparation for laying. Baby hummingbirds fledge at three weeks.
- Trinidad and Tobago is called “The Land of the Hummingbird.”
- Predators of hummingbirds include cats, snakes, praying mantises, lizards, owls, large frogs and even large spiders.
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Activity; we have created a hanging bird craft for today - all the instructions and a template are on the next two pages.

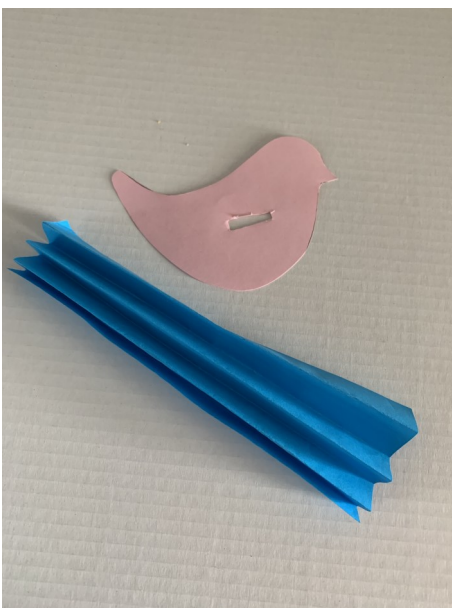
Make your own flying bird (p1)



Step 1. Gather your materials. You will need a coloured paper and card, scissors, pencil, string, sticky tape.



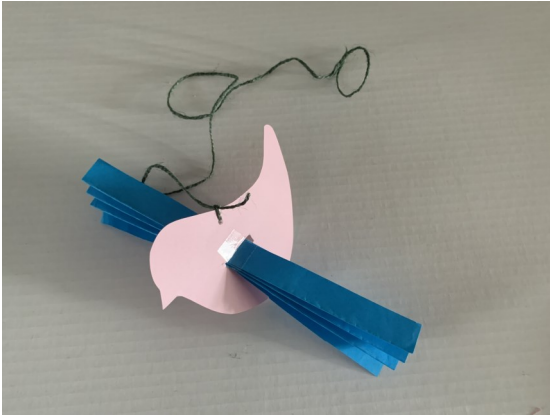
Step 2. Either print the bird template onto card or print on paper, cut it out and draw round it onto the card. Carefully cut out the card bird.



Step 3. Take a piece of paper and cut it in half, long edge to long edge. Fold one piece into a concertina, like a fan, along the long edge.



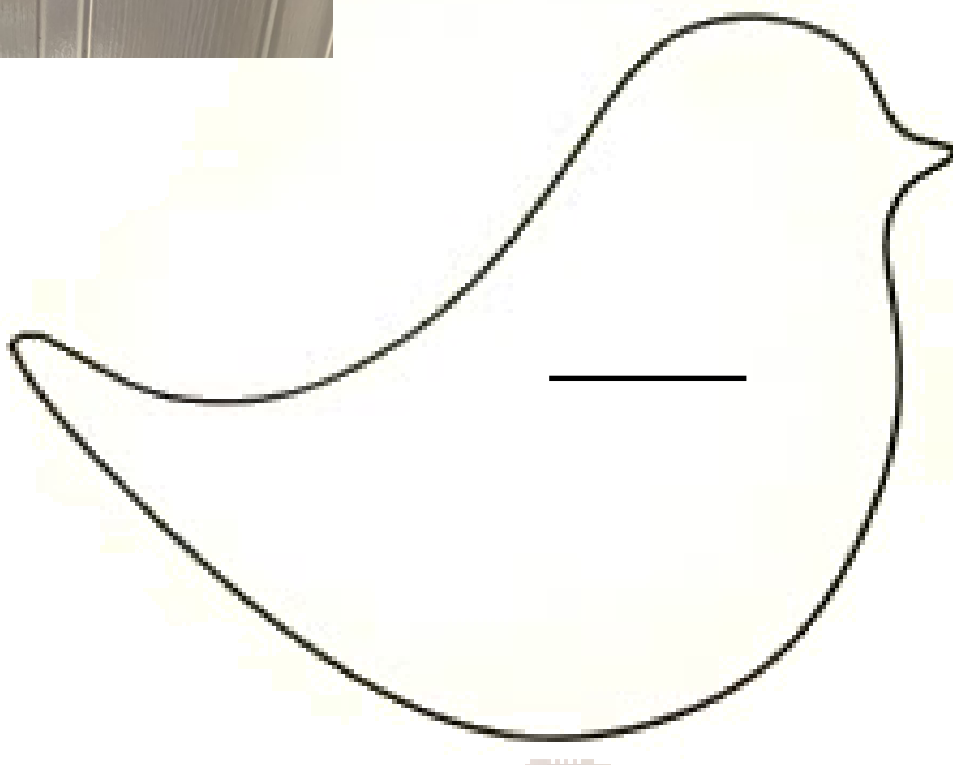
Make your own flying bird (p2)



Step 4. Ask an adult help you cut a slit through the middle of the bird and thread the folded paper through until half sticks out each side. You may need to tape these in place. Ask an adult to help you poke a hole through the top of your bird and tie on the string.



Step 5. Finally fan the wings and draw on eyes and hang it up. You have finished your bird. Share pics at **#SpikeDinosAdventures**



Bird template.