

Make a Flying Bird

Based on Busy Beaks by Sarah Aller.



Busy Beaks is the perfect introduction to birds of all shapes and sizes. Follow these instructions to help them take flight when you make your flying bird finger puppet.

Flying Bird Finger Puppet Instructions

Use the printable template to create a flying bird finger puppet using coloured felt or paper/card, Craft Smart Ultra Glue, googly eyes and feathers.



Finger Puppet Video bit.ly/MagPup

Preparation

(If Using Felt)

Print full template onto a few pieces of card and cut out all pieces. Using a pen or pencil, trace the cut-outs onto the felt.

(If Using Paper/Card)

Photocopy the flying bird finger puppet template onto different coloured pieces of paper or card.

Making Your Bird

- 1 Out of the options provided, select the bird that you would like to make.
- 2 Cut out each part of the puppet, including the special beak for your chosen bird. (If using felt you will need to trace your cut-outs onto the felt prior to cutting.)
- 3 Fold the body cut-out of the bird along the dotted lines and fold the tabs to the centre, using the Ultra Glue to stick them in place at the back of the body.
- 4 Glue the wings on top of the tabs. Then glue the tail just below the wings.
- 5 Flip the bird over and glue on the belly of your bird.
- 6 Flipping the bird back over to the wing side, glue the beak of your selected bird on to the tip of your bird's body.
- 7 Now, stick on the selected googly eyes in between the beak and the wing.

Nearly done, you just need to decorate your bird!

- 8 Select some feathers and glue them onto the wings. We suggest at least two feathers per wing. You can also stick a feather or two onto the tail if you would like.
- 9 Place your bird onto a paper plate with your name on it and let the glue dry.
- 10 Once your glue is dry, your bird can take flight (with your help of course).
- 11 Insert a finger into the opening underneath your bird and get soaring!



