

Birds Collage Art



Let's think about the birds at the East End Lagoon!

Many are wading birds with long legs and long beaks. Others are songbirds with round, plump bodies and bright feathers. Birds come in all shapes and sizes. Their unique shapes are suited to their individual needs and habitat. A bird's wings are shaped to help them to fly, soar, land, float, dive, and many other activities. Their beaks are specially shaped for the food they eat. They have legs that are suited to where they live, nest, and hunt. Their feathers can be bright, dull, or changing with the seasons. And their feet are often just as interesting and helpful to the ways they live.

Think about all of the interesting parts of a bird as you plan this project.

Materials Suggestions:

- 🐦 A printout of bird photos found [here](#)- or photos in a book or on the internet
- 🐦 A variety of papers to cut. Here are a few suggestions: colored paper, painted paper, magazines, junk mail, wrapping paper, and other interesting papers you find at home
- 🐦 Scissors
- 🐦 Glue
- 🐦 A piece of heavy paper or cardboard for the base of your collage
- 🐦 Other art supplies you might like to use, like crayons or markers

Instructions:

- Choose a photo of a bird.
- Use this photo as your reference for your collage bird.
- Sketch your bird idea on paper to decide its size and shape.
- Gather your papers and cut the shapes that will become the body parts of your bird.
- You will need shapes that will become the following body parts:
Body, head, beak, eyes, wings, legs, feet
- Arrange your body pieces on your heavy paper.
- Try different poses.
- Once you are happy with the arrangement of the parts of your bird, glue one piece at a time onto the heavy paper.
- Use other art supplies to add details.
- Make a background for your bird.
- Give your bird a name.
- Admire your work!



You are invited to share your artwork or writing by posting it on the [East End Lagoon Nature Preserve](#) Facebook page.