

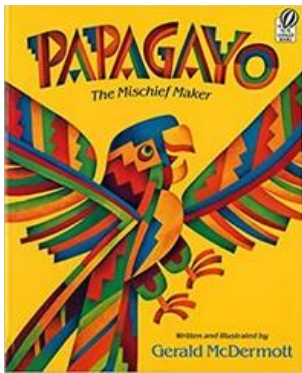


**Time:** 25-30 minutes

**Messiness:** moderate

**Adult involvement:** moderate

## 3-D Watercolor-Resist Bird!



**Description:** young artists experience the relationship between nocturnal animals and a very vocal bird and make a 3-D bird with watercolor-resist techniques!

**Story:** [“Papagayo the Mischief Maker”](#) written and illustrated by Gerald McDermott (HMH Books for Young Readers; 1992)

### Let's talk about this artwork!

- What do you see?
- What materials can you name?
  - Where do you see buttons?
  - Can you find cowrie shells?
- The cowrie shells and buttons are arranged to represent feathers.
  - What do you think this sculpture would feel like if you stroked the bird's feathers?
  - Do you think the feathers would be cool and smooth? Hard and scratchy? Why so?
  - What else might you use to show feathers?
- This bird sculpture is a hat!
  - Where would you choose to go if you were wearing this hat?



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## Materials Needed

- 1) paper plate
- 2) glue
- 3) crayons
- 4) scissors
- 5) watercolor paints
- 6) paintbrush
- 7) water for rinsing brush
- 8) **optional:** paperclips

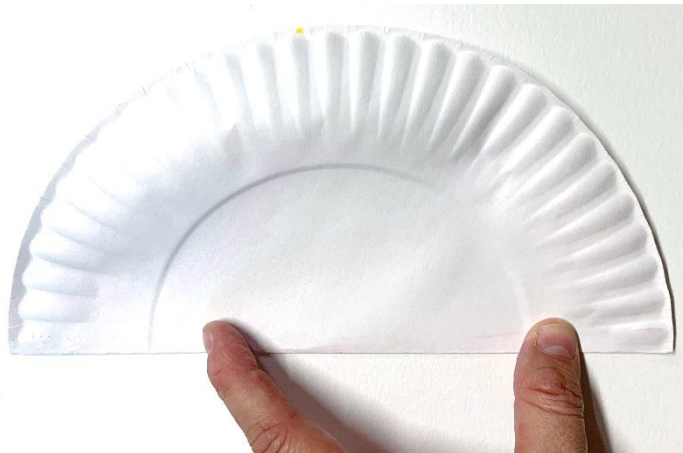


## Project Skills

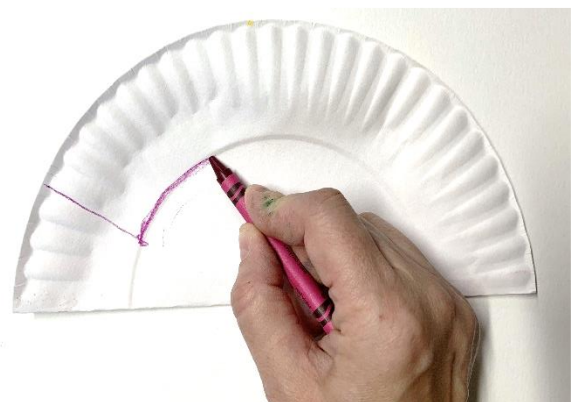
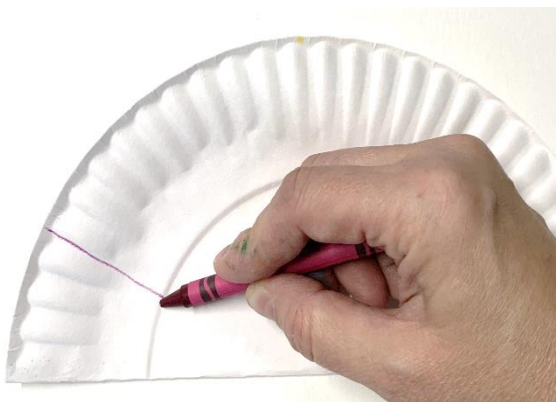
- 1) Fine / Gross Motor
  - a) cutting
  - b) gluing
  - c) drawing
- 2) Language Development
  - a) expressive: speaking
  - b) receptive: listening
  - c) discussing
- 3) 21<sup>st</sup>-Century
  - a) critical thinking
  - b) creativity

## Project Instructions

- 1) Fold your paper plate in half.

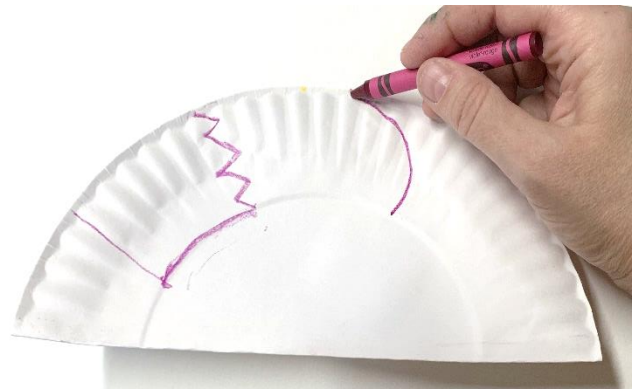
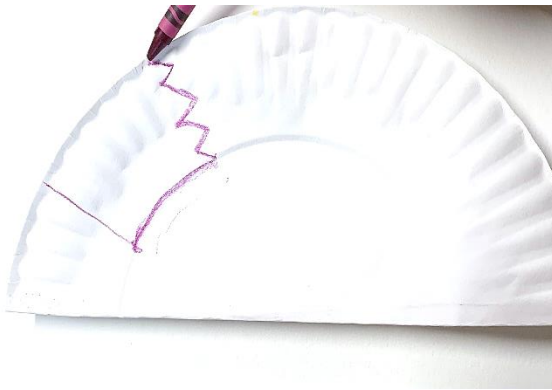


- 2) Draw a straight line from the curved outer edge to the curved inner edge to make a tail. Then follow the inner curve making a line of about the same length.

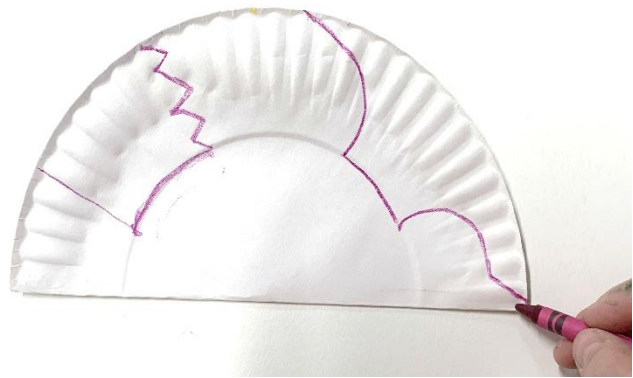


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- 3) Draw a zigzag line connecting the outer edge of the curved plate to the end of the line at inner edge to make the bottom of the wing. Draw a curved line a few inches away from the outer circle to the inner circle to make the top of the wing.



- 4) Follow the inner curve to make upper body of bird. Then add a round curve for the head and a straight line for the beak, ending at the bottom corner and edge.

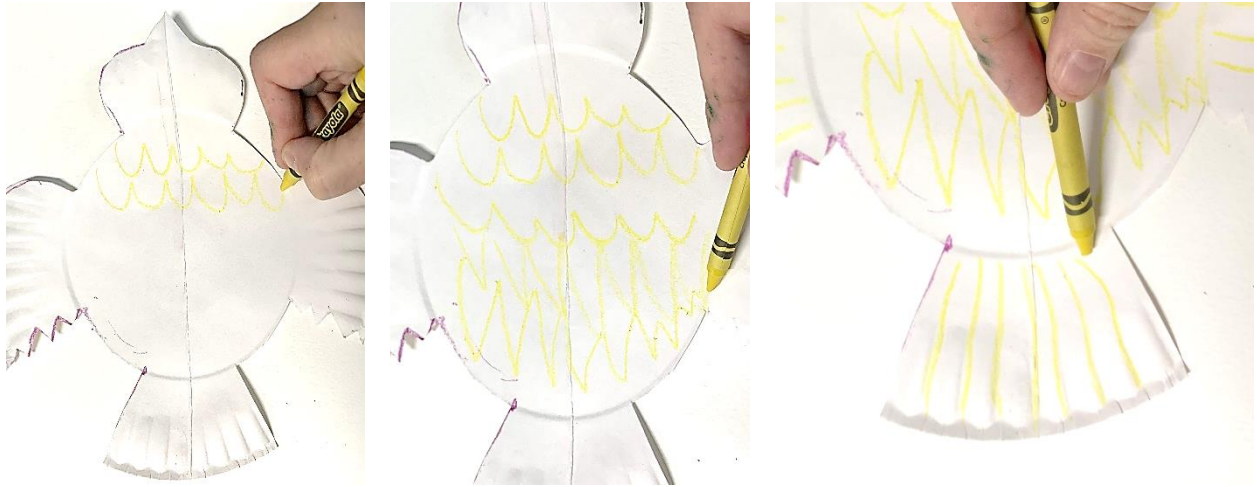


- 5) Cut out the first shape you drew. This will cut two matching layers.

**Helpful hint:** cut out a rough area first, then go back and do small details.



- 6) Open bird up flat and use a crayon to add details! Try to use a combination of straight, curvy, and zig-zag lines to make feathers. Then flip over and decorate other side!



- 7) Use watercolors to paint your bird. Let dry and flip over and paint the other side. Let dry.



- 8) Fold your bird in half. Then bend down and open wing along body to make 3D. Flip over and repeat on other side.



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- 9) Fill the channel you created with glue and press shut. Use paper clips to hold shut until dry if necessary.



- 10) Great work! What will you name your new friend?



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