








Paper Bird Mobiles – Easy to Make, Hang Anywhere!

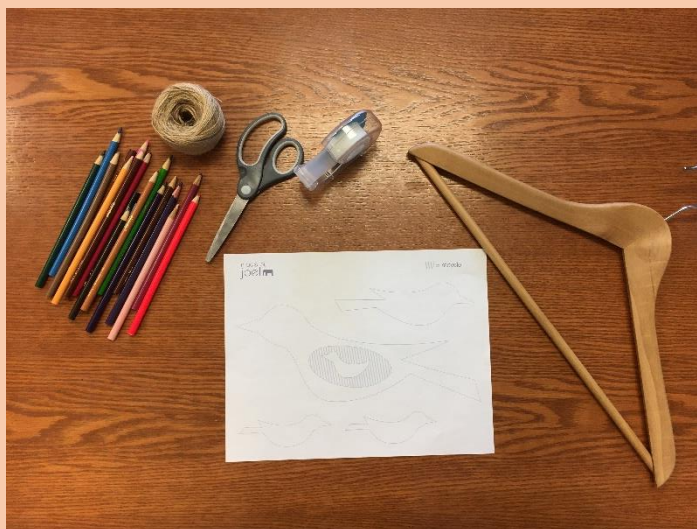
Spring is in full-swing, and Vancouver is welcoming thousands of migratory birds that use the Fraser River Estuary as a much-needed rest-stop on their 15,000km journey from South America to summer nesting sites in Alaska!

Let's celebrate the birds this Springtime by crafting a **simple paper bird mobile**. They're easy to make and decorate and can be hung anywhere!



Here's what you need:

-  **Bird Mobile Template** – we're using one provided by the talented *Made By Joel*. Check out more of his crafts [here!](#)
-  **Something to hang your Birds from** – a wire coat hanger works great, but if you have a stick handy, that will work too!
-  **Paper and something to color with**
-  **Scissors**
-  **Coloured pens, pencils, or paint**
-  **Tape**
-  **Thread or String**



Let's Get Started!

#1: Print out the template and cut out the birds

If you're feeling adventurous, you could try making your own bird template or folding origami birds, but if you would rather start simpler, we recommend the template

You can print the template out on whatever coloured paper you like! We're demonstrating with plain white paper, but don't be afraid to try something different!

Cut out all the bird shapes, as well as the shaded area inside the large bird.

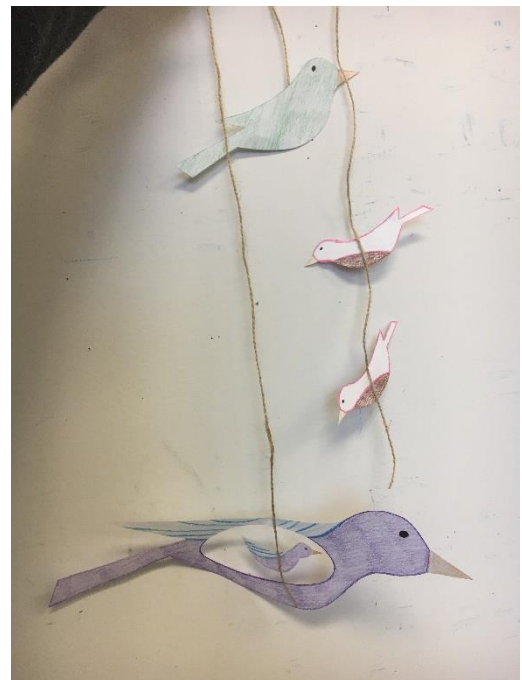


This is also a great opportunity to make your mobile unique! You could use paint, colouring pens/pencils, or gluing on decorations! You are only limited by your imagination and the supplies available!

#2: Tape string to your birds

take different sized a lengths of your string or twine
Tape the birds to the different points on the string. You can have the strong be as long or short as you like, but having them different lengths will ensure the birds aren't crashing into each other!

For the 'mother' and 'baby' bird, position the string so it hangs behind the mother bird's middle, and tape the baby bird so it hangs inside the circular space of the mother.



#4: Tie birds on strings to your hanger/stick

Take the ends of the string that aren't taped to any birds, and tie each to different parts of the clothes hanger. We've done ours with the 'mother' bird in the centre, but you can tie them up anyway you'd like!

If you've picked a stick instead of a hanger, take a length of string about 30cm longer than your stick, and tie each end to either end of the stick. Then, attach the birds to the stick following the instructions above.



#5: Hang up your mobile!

Now that your mobile is finished it's time to hang it up! Take your Command hook tape it to the ceiling/ wall you want to hang your mobile from. Then, attach the top of your mobile to the hook.

Let us know how your crafting went! Share pictures of your completed bird mobile online and use the hashtag #FRDC@HOME to help us find you! Stay safe, and happy crafting!

