

Hi Saturday Family
Art Clubbers,

Hello from Ty Pawb! We hope that you're all safe and well and staying creative.

My name is Ellie and I'm the Formal Learning Officer here at Ty Pawb and this week I will be showing you how to make a garden bird mobile to hang in your home.

Springtime is the perfect season for enjoying some bird watching and there are lots of garden birds about, nesting and feeding and you can make your own paper garden bird to resemble your favourite type of bird. For example: a blue tit, sparrow, song thrush, chaffinch or robin. Your bird designs can then be attached to string to create a mobile and you can embellish the mobile with other found bits and pieces like feathers and leaves to keep it looking natural.

Don't forget to share your creations with us on our Ty Pawb face book page as we love to see what you've all been making at home!

Ellie

This week's activity is designed by Ellie

Make your own Bird Mobile



You will need

- A glue stick or PVA / tape
- Scissors
- A selection of paper and card. You can use an old cereal packet for card
- Some felt pens/crayons/pencils/oil or soft pastels/watercolours
- 2 Small twigs
- String/ wool



Step 1: Find 2 small twigs from the garden or on a walk about 30cms long and around 1cm in diameter and bind together tightly with string in a cross shape. Attached a loop of string from the middle of the twigs which you will use as a hanger.

Step 2: Tie on 4 or 5 lengths of string or wool which is where you will attach your bird designs.

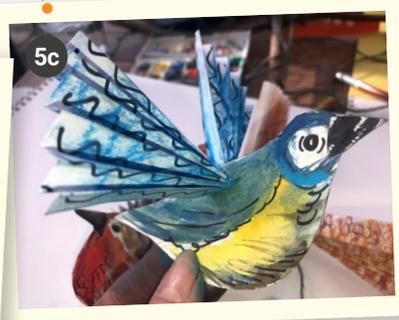
Step 3: Have a look at some bird books or images online of garden birds you like and using the card draw the basic shape of the body. If you don't have card, use paper and then stick on cereal card to make it stiffer.

Step 4: Choose your favourite birds and try out your drawing and colouring skills to add the shapes and colours to the body, copy some photos or do a bit of bird spotting. Experiment

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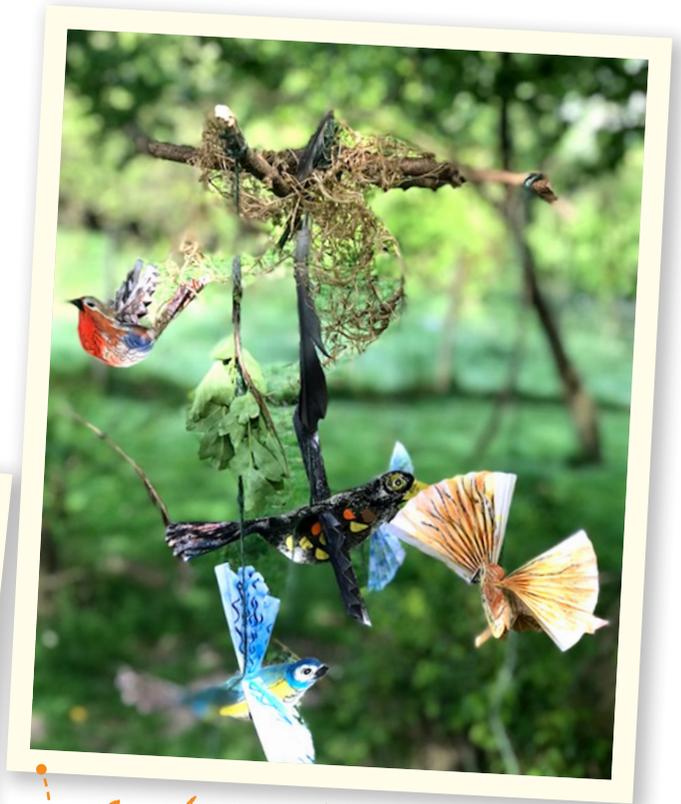


with mark making in your chosen colours for the body, wings and tail. Do this on both sides so that when the birds move, they look more 3D. I've used pastels, watercolour, pens and pencils to get different effects.

Step 5: The bird's wings are made out of a folded piece of A5/ A6 paper or smaller depending on your bird size. Decorate this both sides using pastels and pens as a pattern. Create the wings by making narrow concertina shape folds and make a small 1cm slit in the top ready to insert your folded wings. Gently fold the bird shape at the top to make your slit with scissors about 1cm down. Push the folded paper through the slit in the bird body with the bend upwards. Spread out the folds so the bird's wings can spread out as if they are flying!

Step 6: You can make a paper tail wing using the same way of a smaller piece of folded paper and attach as the back with Sellotape. Add a beak to your bird by sticking on a piece of triangular card coloured in onto your bird design with glue, you can even add a couple of found feathers and leaves to the string to decorate too or design your own.

Step 7: Attach your bird designs to your mobile by using Sellotape on to the string and in the centre of the bird to spread its weight so it will dangle straight



And finally all done!

Your mobile is ready to hang in your home or garden
Happy bird spotting!

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