

MAKE SOME

# TWITTERING BIRDS

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### What you will need:

Imagine two birds sitting on a branch watching the world go by. Now let's draw this picture on a large piece of paper or card, starting with the birds.

Sketch a small slightly squashed circle on top of a larger circle, which is also squashed. Outline these shapes with a felt tip pen.

You can now draw the wings; they can be open or closed.

Next are the feet. We don't want our birds to fall off their perch, so make sure you draw their feet gripping the branch.

Lots of garden birds have dark ring markings around their eyes and beaks, so using your felt tip pen, add large eyes to your birds and draw only the top halves of their beaks.

You may want to ask an adult to help you with this next bit, as you need to cut out the shapes of the eyes and a put a slit below the beaks.

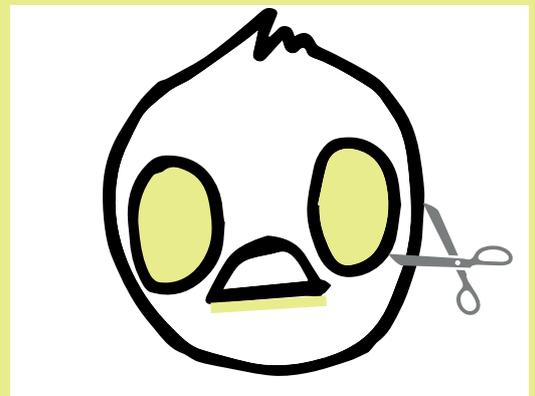
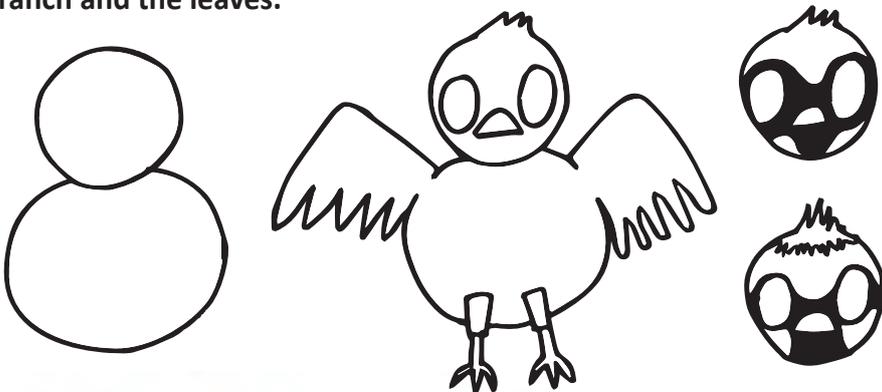
Here's the best bit! Paint your birds in whatever colours you like. I have painted mine to look like the birds that visit my garden, sparrows and blue tits. Why not use colours that make you happy?

You can add some detail using pencil crayons to the birds' feathers, the branch and the leaves.



### What you will need:

Large white card or paper, black marker pen, poster paints and brushes or felt tip pens, pencil crayons, scissors, sellotape or glue .

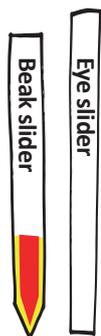


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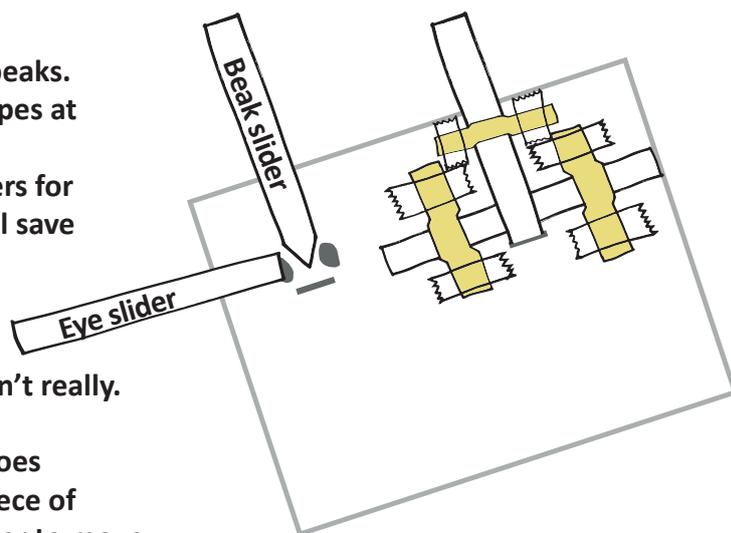
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Now we need to make card sliders for the beaks. Cut some long pieces of card with beak shapes at the end and paint them. We will need to make some more long sliders for the eyes, but don't colour these in yet, we'll save that until last.



Although the back of the picture looks a bit difficult, it isn't really.

The beak slider is placed in position from the back and goes through the slit that was cut earlier. Now tape a small piece of paper over it to hold it in place, but still allowing the slider to move up and down.

Now you've got the hang of it, put the eye slider in place and tape more small pieces of paper to hold them in place. Remember not to use too much tape, the slider has to be able to move up and down.

Finally, turn your work over keeping the eye slider in place and draw on the eyes.

Now your birds can start twittering. Mine are talking about a lovely worm they had for tea. What are your birds chatting about?

