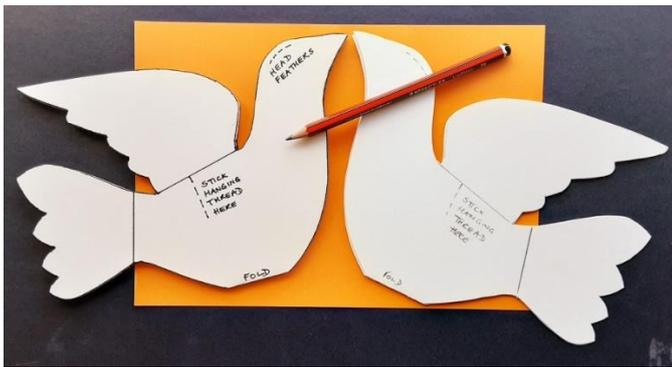


Materials You Need:

- bird template
- pieces of coloured and patterned papers
- feathers and shiny bits to embellish
- scissors
- pencil
- glue/sellotape/PVA glue

Have a think as you may have some wrapping paper you would like to use or cuttings from magazines – anything!

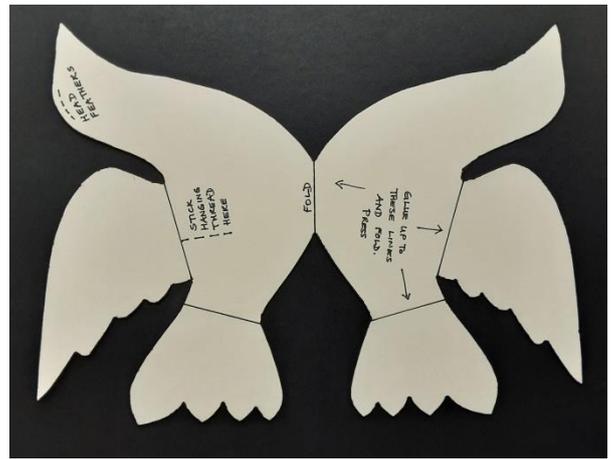


When you draw round the bird shape, have a nice sharp pencil. This is to show you will need to adjust how the two body pieces fit on the paper so play with that first to make sure.

The next pieces to cut out are the wing and the tail parts. Think about what you want where and, if using patterned paper, you need to turn the template over. The magic saying is think twice cut once!



The straight lines are where you need to cut out to and you will need two of each part as these will be showing on both sides.



Choose what the main body of your bird will be covered with on the outside. This can be plain or patterned and only needs to cover as far as the straight lines drawn on the bird as these will have different papers on them. Remember if you use patterned paper for the body you will need to turn the bird over to draw round the other side, otherwise you will have 2 right-handed gloves as it were!



Well done! This is what you should now have:
 Two bodies
 Four wings
 Four tails



Turn your bird with the writing side face up. Get the two wings and tails that you want to go on the inside. Try positioning them first just to check, then stick down using the stick glue. Any bits that over or under lap can be trimmed later. Press for while. ▶



Turn the bird over and do the remaining parts, starting with the body. Again check the positions before gluing with the stick glue and make sure you go up to the edge with it. Line up the wings and tails and stick those. Press under a book.



Before closing up the body, you need to stick the hanging thread in place. This is the piece of raffia with a knot in it. Attach it with the knot outside & the opposite loop end inside. Thread some sellotape through it and attach where the dotted line is. Also stick some feathers to the head and/or the tail, with PVA & leave to dry. Tail feathers can long thin bits of curled paper. ▶



The two sides of the bird can now be joined together, making sure things don't get caught. You can then think about eyes for your bird, cutting feather shapes and other things on the outside. I hope you enjoy working on the bird over the next week or so. Best wishes. Jennie