

LESSON PLAN

AT-HOME ART PROJECT: Whimsical Birds INSTRUCTIONS

MATERIALS NEEDED FROM HOME:

Option 1:

- Thick white paper
- Black Sharpie or pen
- Watercolors
- Paint brush
- Cup for water

Option 2:

- White paper
- Black Sharpie or pen
- Crayons, colored pencils, Crayola markers

ART PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Starting with a few simple splotches of color on your paper, you will draw a series of spring inspired, whimsical birds.

PROMPT QUESTIONS:

- What type of birds will you create? Is it a chick? Is it a bird from your imagination?
- What colors will you use for your birds? What are your favorite colors?
- What will your birds be doing in your composition? Looking up? Pecking at the ground?
- How will you give your birds personality? What kind of personality do you want your birds to have?

ART MAKING PROCESS:

Step 1:

- Add splotches of color across your paper using whatever color source you have. Don't worry about the shape just focus on placement. Whether you are using a paint brush or a crayon think about making your areas of color the size of a quarter or slightly larger.

Step 2:

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- Draw around your color splotches to make the bird bodies. It's ok if the line isn't perfectly round bird bodies aren't!

Step 3:

- Using simple lines add the details to the bird with the sharpie or pen. Tail, beak, wings, eyes. Don't worry about it being realistic, experiment with different lengths of legs and beaks.

POST PROMPT QUESTIONS:

- Do your birds have different personalities? Different facial expressions?
- How are your birds the same? How are they different?
- Did you try to make them all the same?
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EXTRA FUN:

Use your sharpie or pen to draw a border around the chicks, or imagine and draw a background for them.

EXAMPLES:

