

Mother's Day Card

Handprint Bird Craft



Looking for an easy craft to make a little something special for your Mother, Grandmother, or the motherly figure in your life? Try out this Mama Bird Card Craft that you can make using a few simple supplies and your own handprint!

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Materials

- Non-toxic Paint
- Paintbrushes
- Construction Paper
- **Reused** Brown Paper Bag
- Glue
- Pen or Pencil
- Optional: Googly Eye

Paper bags from the grocery store can be reused in many ways to prevent trash from polluting our watersheds and the Bay! Remember to recycle any leftover pieces of the bag or find another use for them!

Step 1: Gather and set up all of your supplies, and prepare by pouring out some paint for later! One color for the bird feathers, another for the beak, and white and black paint for the eye if needed.

Step 2: Paint your hand completely with a thick coat of paint chosen for the body of the bird. Keep in mind that your thumb should be pointing down no matter which hand you choose.

Step 3: Press your hand firmly to the paper for a few seconds, with your wrist turned slightly upward, and your thumb as the base of the bird. See image as an example. Allow paint to dry.

Step 4: Tear or cut small pieces off of a brown paper bag, about two inches by two inches. Glue the paper pieces onto your paper slightly overlapping, under the bird to create a nest.

Step 5: Paint a beak on your bird at the wrist end, and either paint an eye with the white and black paint or glue on a googly eye.

Step 6: With a pen or pencil, write your Mother's Day message!

Remember that any leftover paint should be disposed of in your garbage and not rinsed down the sink. After painting your hand, do your best to wipe off remaining paint before rinsing.



If you are a parent and child crafting together, try making a Mama and Baby Bird by using your larger or smaller hands to create two different-sized birds.



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