



# Window Art for Feathered Friends

This spring billions of birds will return from overwintering in the south – this is called **spring migration**. These birds sometimes accidentally fly into our windows because they can't see glass. Collisions occur more often in spring because birds that are flying through are unfamiliar with our cities.

This activity not only fuels our imaginations and makes our indoor spaces a little bit wilder, but helps our feathered friends too. All it takes is paper, tape and a little imagination!

## What you need:

- Scissors
- Scotch/Masking Tape, or mounting putty
- Paper\*
- Something to draw with!

\* *We encourage you to use your creativity and choose repurposed paper materials or materials you already have! You could try recycled paper, thin cardboard, or adhesive-backed shelf and drawer liner.*

## Let's get started!

- 1 Choose which bird shapes you would like to use. They can be from the ones we've provided, or you can draw your own.
- 2 Print and trace your bird shapes onto repurposed paper materials, or draw them freehand!
- 3 Fill any excess space on your paper with other wild shapes like pinecones, dragonflies or other wild birds. The more shapes, the more helpful it is to the birds!
- 4 Decorate your shapes! Try and make them as colourful as possible, scientists say the brighter the better.
- 5 Tape your wild shapes to the windows in your home. If you can access the outside of your windows with your parents help, put them there - this makes them work even better. They won't last forever outside but that's ok, it's most important during the spring.

Your feathered friends will thank you for helping keep them safe during spring migration!

## OTHER IDEAS

Remember wild window art doesn't need to just be bird shaped to add inspiration to our homes and warn birds not to fly into them. Try making a whole ecosystem – trees, earth, other animals – you can even add yourself. You're part of the ecosystem too!





