

Origami Bird Mobile

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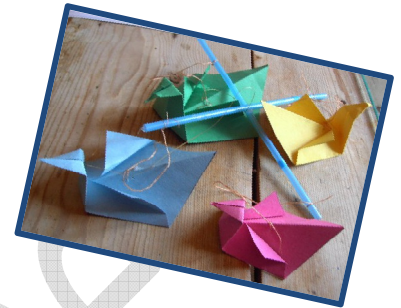
Duration: 20 mins



Preparation time: 15 mins

Resources

- Drinking straws
- Glue gun
- Needle
- Thread
- Paper squares in a range of colours and sizes



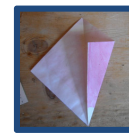
Preparation

Each child needs 2 straws and 4 different coloured squares of paper ranging from 12cms to 9 cms. The glue gun, thread and

needle are for the adults to assemble the finished mobile. Make the first bird together, a step at a time. The technique is very simple.

Activity

1. Place the paper on its side and fold from top to bottom, then unfold, leaving a central crease.
2. Take the top and bottom point and fold them into the centre fold to make 2 triangles.



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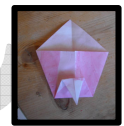
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3. The paper will now look like a long, thin diamond. Take the long narrow point and fold it up to meet the centre fold, level with the base of the 2 triangles. This is the neck of the bird.



4. Fold the point back down on itself about 2 cms to make the head.



5. Where the original fold runs down the entire shape, fold the crease the opposite way to make an inverted v shape.



6. Carefully pull the neck and head away from the body. Take the 2 triangles at each side and fold them downwards to make wings.



Attach string to the bird either by sewing or gluing. Make 3 more birds to complete the mobile.

Golden Time

