

## craft with Jo-Ann



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### SUPPLIES & TOOLS:

- DCWV™ items:
  - Black currant stack
  - Mariposa stack
  - Pocket full of posies stack
  - Luxury stack
  - Once upon a time stack
  - Old world stack
  - Template for feather
  - Template for parrot body
- Yellow seed beads
- 2 each of 2 different gold ring beads (one larger than the other)
- 2 Purple round beads
- Scrap paper (for wings and talons)
- 2½" - 3" Styrofoam® brand foam sheet(s) (needs to be big enough to fit 2 13"x6" shapes and 2 3"x3" squares )
- 1/2" dowel rod (will need to be cut down into 2 pieces; each one at least 3" long)
- Wire hanger(s) or thick craft wire
- Styrocutter (serrated kitchen knife will also work)
- Paper piercer with rubber tip (or any item that can be used to adhere beads in place)
- Papercrafting adhesive (including: hot glue gun/glue, 3 in 1/tacky glue, and Styrofoam® glue)
- Masking tape
- X-Acto® knife
- Scissors
- Pencil

### DIRECTIONS:

1. Print and cut out the pieces for each parrot template.
2. Cut 2 sections of Styrofoam®, approximately 6"x13", and adhere these together with Styrofoam® glue. Tape the body template to the center of the Styrofoam®, and using Styrocutter, cut and shape the block until it matches template. Wrap the body with masking tape and set aside.
3. Select 4-5 different prints from each stack. Take out feather templates and trace these several times onto each page. Note: to keep the color design of the bird cohesive, use similar shades of a color in one area, fading into new color families for the different sections of the bird. Cut these out and lay them in piles according to size and color.
4. Start gluing the body feathers in place with hot glue beginning around the middle of the bird. Be sure that as you move up the body, apply adhesive only to the pointed part of the feathers, sticking them in place against the body.
5. Once the body is covered, take eye feathers, and using the image as a reference, adhere them in a round pattern on both sides of the head.
6. Take X-acto knife and poke a hole in each side of the head for the eyes. Beginning with one side, take the largest ring and adhere in place with hot glue. Adhere round bead next, and then the smaller ring bead on top also with hot glue. Repeat for the other side.
7. Take out wire hanger. Unfold it into one long strip and cut two 16" pieces. Bend each one in half into a tall "u" shape. Take first "u" and cover it with paper; wrap everything together in masking tape to create a smooth surface. Repeat with the 2nd "u". Attach these, 1 to each side of the bird with hot glue.
8. Take additional body feathers (at least 30) and make a small snip into the round area (almost as if you are going to cut the feather in half long ways, but only cut into them 1/2"). Wrap the two ends together, one on top of the other, creating a rounded top. Adhere in place and trim ends to keep the original shape.

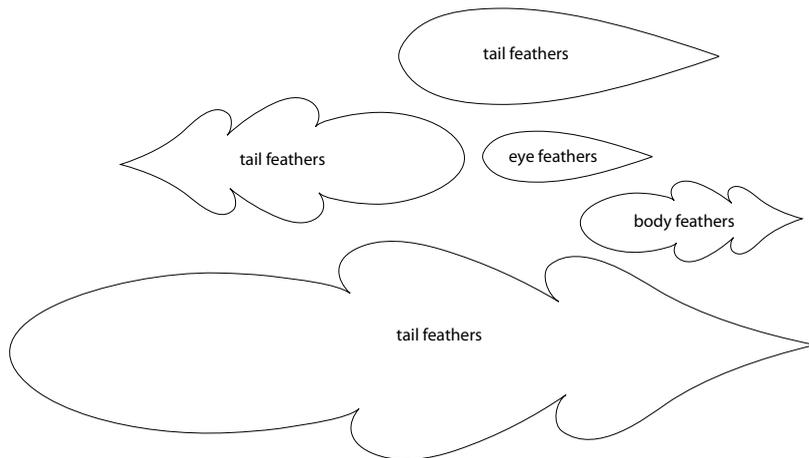
## DIRECTIONS CONTINUED:

Repeat with remaining feathers. Adhere in place around the head, neck, and wings of the bird with hot glue.

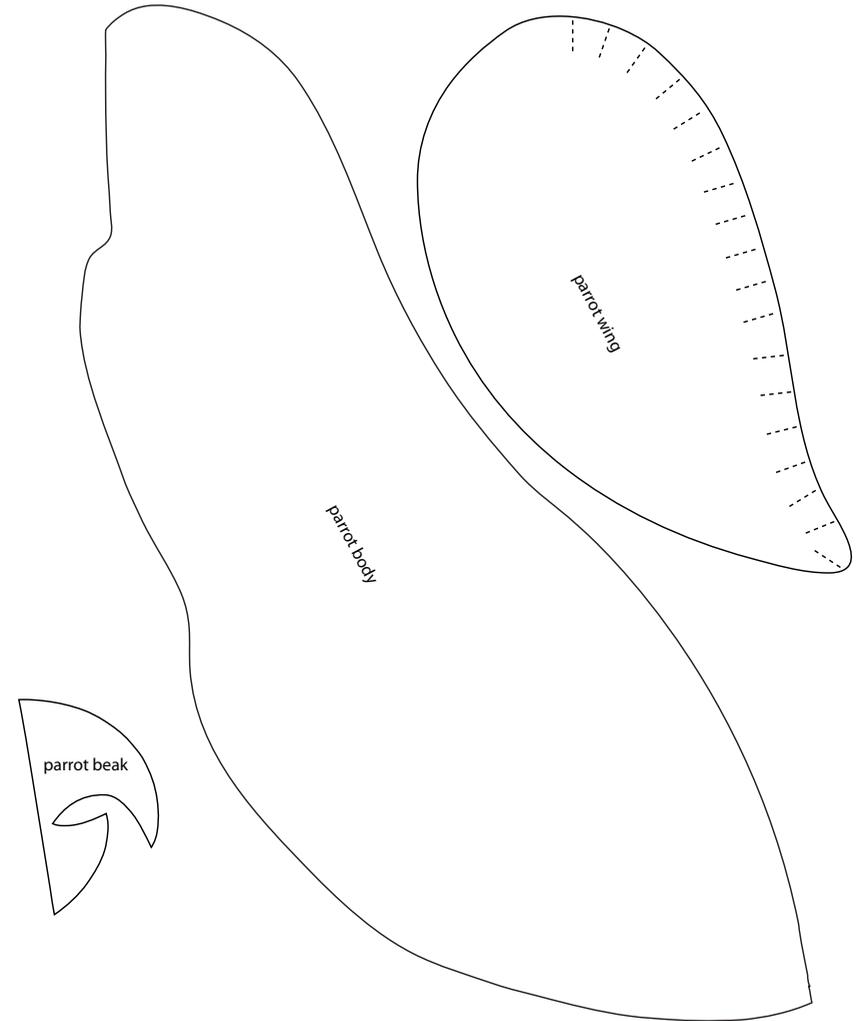
Note: add as many or as little of these modified feathers as desired to give bird a lifelike look.

- Take tail feathers and beginning with the largest ones, adhere these at the bottom of the bird. Moving up the bird, fade into the shorter feathers, layering to create a desired effect. Note: make longest tail feathers double-sided by adhering two of them together with the prints facing out.
- Repeat step 2 with the beak pieces, this time adhering 2 sets of 3"x3" squares together before forming into the top and bottom section of the beak. Wrap this in masking tape and adhere where desired to the front of the bird with hot glue.
- Take some additional pieces of scrap paper and roll them into 6 separate pieces to make the talons. Hot glue 3 of each around the end of each dowel rod piece. Wrap each foot in masking tape. Poke 2 holes in the bottom of the bird and insert the dowel rods leaving approximately 1 to 1 1/2" of wood showing at the bottom.
- Cover both beak and talons with yellow seed beads. To do this, take paper piercer and with the rubbery end dip it in the 3-in-1 glue. Then dip it in beads, 1 or two at a time, and attach them to the beak pieces and then the feet. Repeat until all pieces are completely covered.
- Once finished, set aside to dry before displaying.

## TEMPLATE FOR PARROT FEATHERS



## TEMPLATE FOR PARROT BODY



Created by DCWV®

Skill Level 3: Experience necessary

Approximate Crafting Time: Varies

Please read and follow all manufacturers' instructions for all tools and materials used.  
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