

**1** skill  
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free



embossed paper birds

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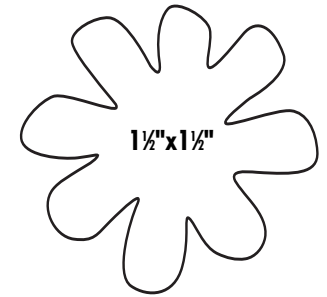
#### SUPPLIES & TOOLS:

- Pattern available at Joann.com®
- Cuttlebug™ Die-Cutting & Embossing Machine
- Cuttlebug™ Floral design embossing die
- 12"x12" cardstock: tan, brown, green, pink, orange
- Miniature brads
- Gold stencil paint
- Stencil brush
- Small hole punch
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Pencil
- Thread

#### DIRECTIONS:

1. Trace bird patterns onto cardstock: 1 set of wings, 2 bird bodies, three 9" strips. Cut out with scissors. Emboss the bird bodies using the Cuttlebug™ machine and the floral embossing die. Make one bird body a mirror image of the other. Run wings through Cuttlebug™ machine half at a time. Embossing tail strips is optional.
2. Cut out stem and flower from cardstock. Assemble stem and flower, securing with mini brad.
3. Place stem and flower between 2 bird bodies. Separate and apply glue to the inside beak/head of each bird and reassemble with stem. Punch a hole for the eye and insert a brad. Fold the wings in half and crease. Make a second fold, about 1/2" away from the first crease, so wings stand out straight.
4. Lightly brush stencil paint on all pieces of paper, including tail.
5. Punch a hole at the tail end of the bird body, 1/2" from the point. Bend each of the tail strips in half and curl the ends around a pencil. Punch a small hole at the fold of each strip and insert between the 2 bird bodies, securing with a brad.
6. Position wings on the bird's back and punch a hole near the center. Insert a brad. Determine where the thread will be inserted for hanging, so the bird is balanced when suspended. Punch the hole and tie on the thread.
7. If wings droop, add a small, rectangular cardstock splint for support.
8. Feel free to add more detail to the bird, such as scalloped edges on the wings. Try different tail designs also, such as 3 wide feathers, slightly curled ends, or a pleated, fan-shaped tail.

10¼"x1¼"



1½"x1½"

2¾"

1½"

10½"

5¼"

2½"

Skill Level 1: No experience needed

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