



# Tuesday Art Play

## Flying Birds

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*Let's make a windchime of feathery friends!*

### Materials list:

- Collection of leaves, seeds & twigs
- Different shaped plastic lids from food containers (or anything transparent with a light and rigid surface)
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- String
- Soap and warm water
- Cotton ball & paper towel (or rag or old towel)
- Glue (liquid or a glue stick)
- Old paint brush for when using liquid glue

### Activity Steps:

#### Step 1

Collect your objects from nature such as leaves, twigs and seeds, whatever takes your fancy.

***TIP: Keep your leaves inside a heavy book, between the pages for a few days. This will help in making and keeping them flat.***

#### Step 2

Start by removing any dirt and grease from the surface of the plastic container lids with cotton ball half soaked in water and soap. Then dry the plastic lid with paper towel. The lid will be treated as your 'canvas'.

#### Step 3

This next task will require the help from an adult. Please note the plastic lids are framed by a dented border. You will need to remove these borders with scissors.

Before you start Step 4 ensure you give the plastic lid, your 'canvas', a quick wipe over again which will remove any grease and dirt to ensure gluing is more successful.

#### Step 4

Using your collection of leaves, twigs and seeds you will create beautiful flying birds by gluing them onto your canvas. You can use the leaves as bodies and wings, twigs for legs and seeds for eyes. You may even wish to use an appropriately sized twig for the body instead. Use your imagination, get creative – you could stick leaves around your bird as though they are in a tree amongst leaves.

#### Step 5

When you are finished creating:  
Use a hole punch to open 1 or 2 holes in the surface. These holes are for your string to go in so that you can hang your creation wherever it may catch the wind – maybe on a window or veranda?

If you wish you can create a collection of different Flying Birds and make them into a wind chime, watching them fly in the wind!