

# Activity Time

(Recommended for ages 3-6)

## Birds!

These activities are not for children under 3 years. Adult supervision is recommended.

**Crafts:** *You will need the following materials*

- Paper plates
- Construction paper
- Cardboard tube
- Pipe cleaner
- Tissue paper
- Markers or crayons
- Googly eyes
- Cheerios

### Paper Plate Bird Craft

**Supplies:**

- Paper plate
- Tissue paper
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Yellow triangle for the beak
- Tape
- Feathers or strips of paper
- A tree twig (optional)



**Directions:**

1. Cut the paper plate in half.
2. Glue tissue paper squares on the paper plate. Apply glue on the paper plate instead of on the tissue paper. Trim along all the edges (if necessary).
3. Glue on the beak and the googly eye. Glue feathers (or strips of paper) to the other end of the body.
4. Glue your bird onto construction paper. You can also tape a twig to the paper and tape your bird to the twig.

<https://artscraftsymom.com/paper-plate-bird-craft/>

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## Torn Paper Bird Nest

### Supplies:

- Paper plate
- Brown construction paper
- Construction paper (a variety of colors)
- Markers or crayons

### Directions:

1. Cut the paper plate in half.
2. Tear the brown paper and glue the pieces onto the front of the paper plate.
3. Cut out 3 rectangles from the colored paper and round off two of the corners on each rectangle (baby birds).
4. Add a beak and eyes to the baby birds.
5. Glue the birds onto the back of the paper plate.



<http://herdingkats.blogspot.com/2015/04/spring-crafts-bulletin-board.html>

## Cardboard Roll Bluebird

### Supplies:

- Cardboard tube
- Googly eyes
- Glue stick
- Blue, red, and yellow construction paper

### Directions:

1. Cover the cardboard tube with a piece of blue paper.
2. Glue on a red belly.
3. Glue wings, beak, and googly eyes onto the cardboard tube.

<https://kidsactivitiesblog.com/106279/cardboard-roll-bluebird/>



## Cardinal Handprint

### Supplies

- Red, black, white, yellow, brown, and blue paper
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Googly eye

### Directions

1. Trace your child's hand twice on the red paper and cut out each handprint.
2. Glue the long strip of brown paper vertically onto the blue cardstock. Glue the shorter strips of brown paper (branches) horizontally onto the tree trunk.
3. Make the cardinal by positioning one handprint sideways and the other handprint angled down. Glue together.
4. Glue the black rectangle (with the two corners cut off) onto the cardinal with a small overlap on the edge and then trim to the handprint.
5. Glue the eye onto the black rectangle.
6. Glue the beak and legs onto the cardinal body and then glue the entire bird onto the top branch.



<https://www.simpleeverydaymom.com/cardinal-handprint-craft-for-kids/>

## Bird Feeder Craft

### Supplies:

- Pipe cleaner
- Cheerios
- Twine (optional)

### Directions:

1. Make a small loop at one end of the pipe cleaner. Then thread cheerios onto the pipe cleaner.
2. Once the pipe cleaner is full of Cheerios, twist the two ends of the pipe cleaner together and bend the bird feeder into any shape you like. You can also twist more than one pipe cleaner together to see what you can create.
3. Tie a piece of twine to your bird feeder and hang it on a tree.



<https://www.messylittlemonster.com/2017/01/easy-cheerios-bird-feeders.html>

## Snack

### Ingredients:

- 1 round slice of pineapple
- Crushed pineapple
- 1 baby carrot
- 2 raisins
- Pretzel sticks
- Kix cereal

### Directions:

1. Place the round slice of pineapple in the center of a plate. Fill the center hole with crushed pineapple. Place some pretzel sticks under the bottom of the pineapple slice (to resemble a bird's nest).
2. Slice the carrot into 3 thin rounds. Carefully slice a triangle from the bottom of each slice. Place these on the bird for the feet and beak. If desired, you can also slice 3 thin strips off the remaining baby carrot and stick these on top of the bird for the top feathers.
3. Place the raisins on the bird for the eyes.
4. Put some of the Kix cereal in the empty spaces in your nest.

<https://www.kixcereal.com/kix-cereal-food-art-birdie-kix-snack/>



## Books You May Enjoy!

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| Baby Bird's First Nest        | JP Asch            |
| Hooray for Birds!             | JP Cousins         |
| Feathers For Lunch            | JP Ehlert          |
| Birds                         | JP Henkes          |
| Nest                          | JP Hurley          |
| A Mother for Choco            | JP Kasza           |
| The Happy Egg                 | JP Krauss          |
| Froodle                       | JP Portis          |
| Hello, My Name is Ruby        | JP Stead           |
| Boo Hoo Bird                  | JP Tankard         |
| Early Bird                    | JP Yuly            |
| Flap Your Wings               | J Easy Eastman     |
| There is a Bird on Your Head! | J Easy Willems     |
| Birds                         | J 598 A (Arlon)    |
| A Nest is Noisy               | J 591.56 A (Aston) |
| Mama Built a Little Nest      | J 591.56 W (Ward)  |