



Lester's Bird Feeders

Attract real birds to your yard with a bird feeder. Choose one of these three easy to make feeders.

Simplest ever feeder

Cover a pine cone or an empty toilet paper roll with peanut butter. Roll in bird seed. Hang outside.

Shaped feeder

Flat wooden or heavy cardboard heart (or other shape)
Peanut butter
Birdseed
Approximately 4 feet of ribbon or twine



Buy or cut out the shape you want. Drill or punch two small holes in the top, one on each side. Fold ribbon or twine in half and string through holes. Bring to top and knot or tie in a bow.

Use a plastic knife to ice shape with peanut butter. Put in a flat pan and pour birdseed over it. Pat the seed into the peanut butter until it is all covered.

Hang from a branch or shepherd's crook plant hanger.

Milk carton bird feeder

Plastic Jug (*From Water, Milk, Vinegar, etc.*)
Paint
Clear Acrylic Sealer
Bird Seed or molded bird seed bell

Make sure the plastic bottle is clean and dry. Have a grown up use scissors or other cutting tools to make a hole in the side of the plastic jug that is big enough for a bird to fit. Use sand paper or a nail file to smooth off any sharp points.



Paint the plastic jug with any design. After the paint is dry, have a grown up spray 2 or 3 coats of clear acrylic sealer. (be sure to do this in a well ventilated area) Let it dry.

Put loose bird seed or a molded bird feeder into the plastic jug bird feeder. Hang the bird feeder in your yard using twine or you can use a shepherd's hook style plant hanger.



Make Lester Puppets!

Lester puppet

Cut a bird body shape from cardstock. Use the pattern below or draw your own 'bird body' shape.

Cut slits in the body where indicated.

Cut and fold wing and tail pieces as shown.

Insert wing through slit in center of body and one at back for the tail. Flair out the wings gently. After you insert the tail through the slit, fold it in half toward the back of the bird. You may have to glue it together.

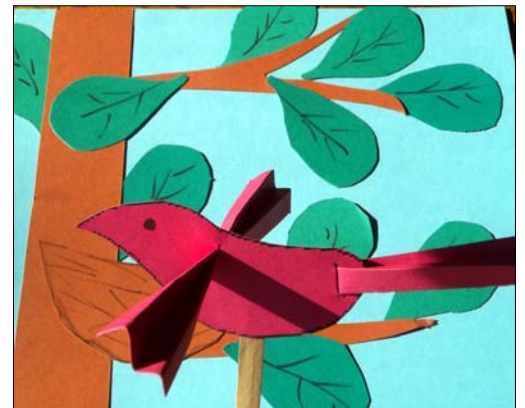
Add eyes with a marker. Attach each bird to a popsicle stick with tape or glue and make up your own puppet show using the background below.

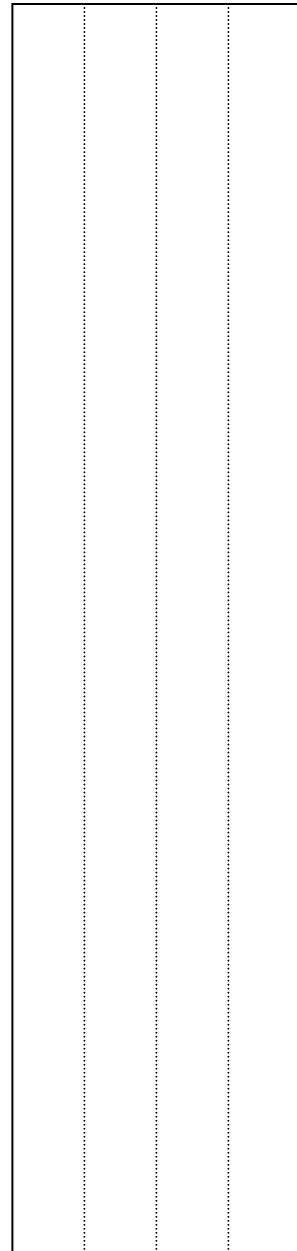
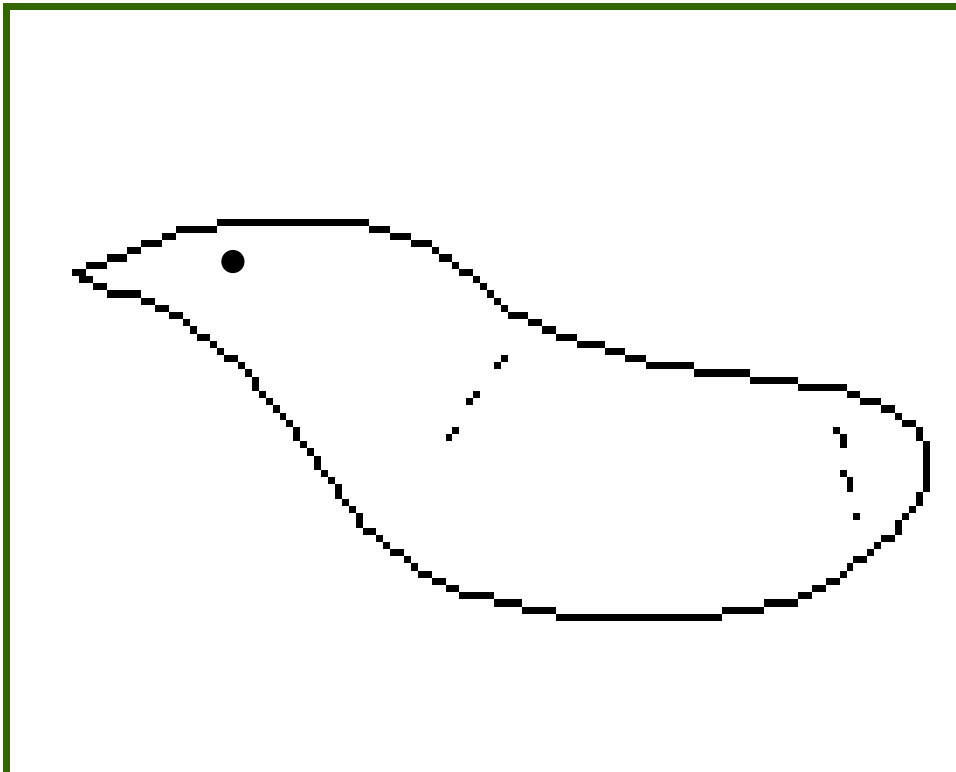


Puppet Show Background and Nest

Using the pattern provided below cut out a tree with some branches. You can draw your own pattern if you want. Glue the pieces on one side of a piece of blue cardstock or cardboard. Make a nest from the pattern. You can use strips of paper, pieces of yarn, or real twigs and glue them in place for a nest, too. Gather real leaves and glue them onto your tree, or cut out leaves using the pattern below.

Use your bird puppets to tell Lester's story or make up your own bird story.





Wing Pattern ↑

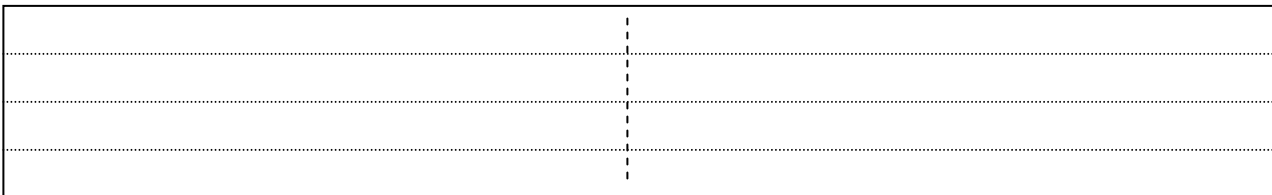
Print out on cardstock. Print one page for each bird puppet.
Cut out bird shape, wing and tail on solid line.

Cut slit for tail and for wing to be inserted. (Have an adult help, if needed.)

Cut out wing and tail. Fold accordion style on dotted lines.
Insert wing through the upper slit.

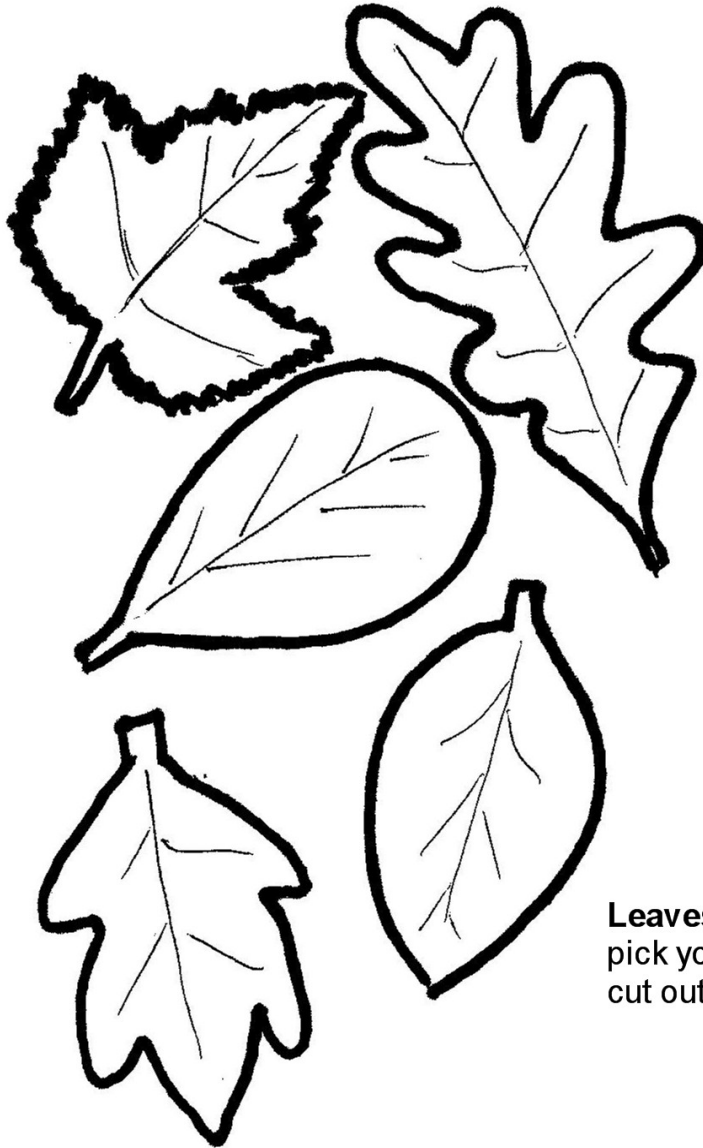
Fold tail accordion style on dotted lines.
Insert tail through back slit and fold in half on dashed line.

Tail Pattern ↓



Lower Branch-
cut one from
brown paper

Upper Branch-
cut one from
brown paper



Leaves-
pick your favorite style,
cut out several

Nest-cut one
from brown paper

