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B is for Bird



What You Need:

- Construction Paper (3 colours)
- Marker
- Glue
- Feathers
- Scissors
- Googly Eyes (optional)

Directions:

1. Draw a bubble letter "B" and cut it out. If your little one is able, have them cut the letter "B" out.
2. Have your little one glue the letter B on a different colour piece of construction paper.
3. On the last piece of construction paper, draw a beak and 2 bird feet. Cut them out or have your little one cut them out.
4. Have your little one glue the beak and bird feet onto the letter B, as well as, glue on the googly eye (or draw it on).
5. Have your little one decorate the letter B with feathers.



Talking Points:

Talk to your little one about the letter B. Ask (or tell) your little one other animals or things that start with the letter B. Tell them that the letter B makes a "buh" sound. Say "buh" a few times to emphasize the sound. And then sing the alphabet song.

Books:

- 📖 [The Little Bird and the Caterpillar](#) by Magnet Film from [Kanopy Kids](#)
- 📖 [Don't Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late](#) by Mo Willems from [Kanopy Kids](#)
- 📖 [Horray for Birds!](#) by Lucy Cousins from [Vaughan Public Libraries](#)
- 📖 [Ten on a Twig](#) by Lo Cole from [Vaughan Public Libraries](#)
- 📖 [Fly!](#) By Mark Teague from [Vaughan Public Libraries](#)

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Bird Feather Matching



What You Need:

- Assorted feathers (at least 12)
- Cardstock Paper (that matches the feathers)
- Marker
- Googly eyes (optional)
- Clothespins (at least 12)
- Glue
- Scissors

Directions:

1. Match feathers to the cardstock paper to make sure that the paper and feathers match.
2. Have your child glue feathers onto clothespins (approximately 3 feathers/clothespins per bird).
3. Draw circles on the cardstock paper and cut it out. If your child is able, have them cut out the circles.
4. Draw little beaks, cut them out, and have your child glue a beak onto each circle. Have them also glue the googly eyes on too.
5. Let everything in steps 1-3 dry overnight.
6. Have your child clip the feathered clothespin onto the matching bird.



Talking Points:

Talk to your little one about all the colours they are seeing and ask them to name other things that are the same colour. Take this activity a step further and have them use the feathered clothespins to create patterns on the wings (i.e. red, yellow, red, yellow). Or have them practice adding by having them add 4 feathers to one bird, 5 feathers to another bird, and 2 feathers to another.

Books:

- 📖 [A Friend Like You](#) by Andrea Schomburg from [Vaughan Public Libraries](#)
- 📖 [Counting is for the Birds](#) by Frank Mazzola from [Hoopla](#)
- 📖 [How Rocket Learned to Read](#) by Tad Hills from [Vaughan Public Libraries](#)
- 📖 [Sleep Bird](#) by Jeremy Tankard from [Vaughan Public Libraries](#)
- 📖 [Not Your Nest!](#) By Gideon Sterer from [Vaughan Public Libraries](#)

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Pinecone Birdfeeder



What You Need:

- Pinecones
- Plastic Bowl
- Paper Plate (or Tray)
- Scissors
- Natural Peanut Butter
- Popsicle Stick
- String
- Bird Seed

Directions:

1. Go on a nature walk with your little one and collect some pinecones.
2. Put some natural peanut butter in a bowl with a popsicle stick, and on a paper plate (or tray) add some bird seed.
3. Have your child use the popsicle stick to cover the pinecone in peanut butter.
4. Once the pinecone is all covered in peanut butter, have them roll the pinecone in the paper plate filled with bird seed until the pinecone is covered in bird seed.
5. Cut a piece of long string so it can be strung around the top of the pinecone and then hang from a branch in a tree.
6. Repeat steps 1-5 to make more pinecone birdfeeders.
7. Hang the pinecone birdfeeders for the birds to enjoy.



Talking Points:

Talk to your little one about the texture of the peanut butter (sticky, soft, smooth) and the texture of the bird seeds (hard, rough). Also tell them that birds like to eat seeds, insects, and worms. Once the bird feeder is outside, wait until you see a few birds and then have your child sit with you so you can watch the birds enjoy the birdfeeder together. If you can, identify some of the simple types of bird (i.e. American Robin, House Sparrow, Black-capped Chickadee).

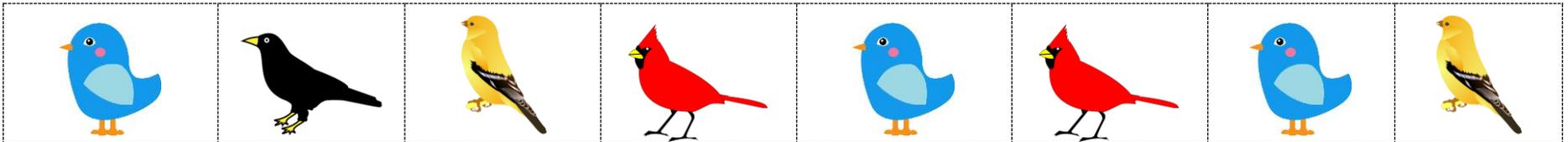
Books:

- 📖 [Cuckoo, Cuckoo](#) by Sarah Keane from [Hoopla](#)
- 📖 [Those Darn Squirrels!](#) By Adam Rubin from [Vaughan Public Libraries](#)

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Bird Graph

Print this page out and then have your little one cut out the birds and arrange each kind in its corresponding column.
Which row has the most? Which row has the least?



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Songs

Little Birdie

I saw a little birdie
Go hop, hop, hop.
I asked the little birdie
Won't you stop, stop, stop
I went to the window
To say ho do you do
But she shook her little tail
And away she flew!



Two Little Blackbirds

Two little blackbirds sitting on a hill.
One named Jack and one named Jill.
Fly away Jack, fly away Jill.
Come back Jack, come back Jill.

Other Verses:

Two little blackbirds sitting on a gate...
One named Early and one named Late...

Two little blackbirds flying in the sky.
One named Low and one named High...

Two little blackbirds sitting on a pole.
One named Fast and one named Slow...

Two little blackbirds sitting on a cloud.
One named Quiet and one named Loud...



Way Up In The Sky

Way up in the sky,
the little birds fly.
While down in their nest,
the baby birds rest.
With a wing on the left,
And a wing on the right.
The sweet little birds,
Sleep all through the night.

