



Explore and Create

A Colourful Bird Whistle



Birds can be found at most of our churches, both real and man-made. They can be spotted outside, nesting or looking for food. Inside, they can be found in stained glass windows, carved onto furniture, painted on the walls and even on the floor as tiles.





One of the most wonderful sounds to be found at this time of year is a dawn chorus when each bird sings with own their distinctive song, creating a wonderful natural choir.

Why not make a bird whistle and bring the outside world to you!

You will need:

- A straw
- Scissors
- Sticky tape or glue stick
- Tissue paper, feathers or permanent pens to decorate your bird whistle

How to make:

1. Choose a straw and cut roughly 10cms off its length (if using a bendy straw, do not include the bend). The smaller the whistle the easier it is to make sounds. 
2. Take your cut straw and using the back of a spoon, flatten the straw lengthways as much as possible.
3. At one end, use scissors to make two cuts into the flattened straw to create a point, like the top of a triangle. This is the end you are going to blow into. 
4. Decorate your whistle with feathers, paper cut like feathers or permanent pens, remembering to protect your clothes. 
5. Put the cut end into your mouth, making a seal with your lips around the point, now blow to make some funny seasonal sounds!
6. Make another one and this time use a different straw length, does it sound different? 

Watch out for this sign  - it means adult help is needed for this step

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