

# Art — Observational Drawing: A Bird

Base Sheet

Activity Sheet

The child draws a bird from observation, studying shape, proportion, and detail. This connects to the science lesson on bird anatomy and develops careful looking skills.

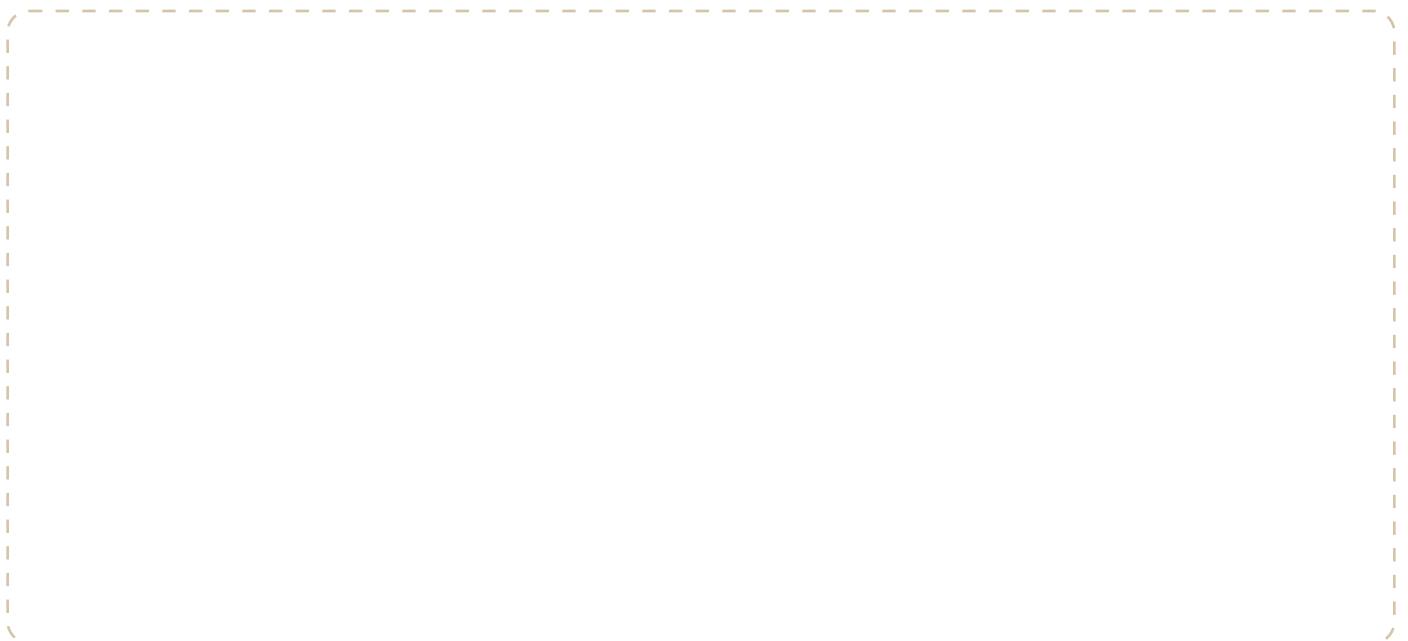
## What You Need:

- Bird picture or figurine for reference
- Drawing paper
- Pencil
- Colored pencils or crayons
- Eraser

## Steps:

1. 'Today we draw a bird! Good artists look VERY carefully before they draw.'
2. Display a picture or figurine of a bird. Study it together.
3. 'What shapes do you see? The body is like an oval. The head is a circle. The beak is a triangle.'
4. Demonstrate drawing the basic shapes first: large oval for body, circle for head, triangle for beak.
5. 'Now add details: the eye, the wing shape, the tail feathers, the legs.'
6. 'Add color — what colors are on this bird?'
7. Child draws their bird, referring to the model frequently.

## Work Space:

A large dashed rectangular box, intended for the child to draw their bird. The box is empty and occupies the lower half of the page.

