

Painting with a Scientist 7: Hummingbirds

Adapt this art project to the time and materials you have on hand! You can paint a square canvas with acrylics like Science Mom does in the demonstration, or color this page using markers, crayons, or colored pencils. Whichever approach you take, we hope you enjoy learning about these incredible animals along the way!

Three Cool facts:

- The smallest bird in the world is the Bee Hummingbird, from Cuba. 2 inches long, 1.6 grams
- They eat 1.5 times their body weight daily between nectar and insects. Proportionally, humans would have to eat 70 times the amount of food we typically eat daily to compare with such a diet.
- Hummingbirds beat their wings 60-80 times per second, and their wings can rotate 180 degrees on flexible shoulder joints.