

## Creative Development

Younger children can be given the shapes pre-cut and can take charge of decorating the paper plate nest and adding wiggle eyes and beaks to the baby birds. For older children you could adapt the craft to make the birds much more lifelike (study a real nest from a distance, or search for photos on the internet) and by using real nest materials in the collage.

### You will need:

Large paper plate  
Brown paint  
Thin brown paper (tissue, greaseproof or packing will all work)  
Brightly coloured card  
Wiggle eyes  
Scraps of yellow card or foam  
Glue



### Instructions:

Paint the back of the plate brown and leave to dry. Cut in half.

Cut the brown paper into strips and glue them to the plate. Don't worry about gluing all the edges as you are looking for texture.

Put 3 ovals from coloured card and glue them along the edge of the plate.



Add a yellow beak and two wiggle eyes to each.

**Clay birds:**

Make some really beautiful clay birds with this simply clay bird craft for children. If you like you can add a drop of essential oil to a hidden part of your clay bird to let out a gentle scent when you hang it up (with adult supervision), perhaps in a wardrobe? How about making these as gifts?

**You will need:**

- Air drying clay
- Ribbon
- Ceramic pens (optional)
- Embellishments such as feathers, beads, and gems (optional)






**Instructions:**

Roll out your clay. Cut out a bird shape and make a hole through which to tie some ribbon. You may have a cookie cutter you can use, or you can draw your bird onto paper and cut it out to use it as a template if you are nervous of cutting out the clay without help.

To decorate your clay bird, either

- a) Use an old pen to add a pattern of dots, then leave to dry.
- b) Leave to dry and then decorate with ceramic markers or paints.
- c) Press beads, feathers and other embellishments into the clay. Leave to dry.

Thread a ribbon through the hole and hang up!

<p><b>You will need:</b></p> <p>Large paper clip          Scraps of felt          Child's needle and thread          Template (below)</p>	<p><b>Instructions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cut 2 feet from orange felt. Slip the feet through the paperclip. Sew around the outside of each foot with one strand of embroidery thread. Sew along the bottom at the top of the paperclip so it stays in place.</li> <li>• Cut two bodies and two wings from felt. Sew the wings to one of the bodies.</li> <li>• Cut the beak from orange felt and sew on.</li> <li>• Embroider two curved eyes using back stitch.</li> <li>• Put the bodies together sandwiching the top of the feet in between them, and sew around the outside.</li> <li>• Your bookmark is ready.</li> </ul>	
	<p>This picture is by Pembrokeshire Artist, Tom Kelly. Discuss the picture with your family.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How does it make you feel?</li> <li>• Why do you like/dislike the picture?</li> <li>• Does the garden look a fun place to be?</li> <li>• Can you draw your garden? What is similar/different between the two gardens?</li> <li>• When you have created your art work, talk about your garden and why it is a special place to you.</li> </ul>	
 <p>Pinecone bird</p>	<p>You will need a:</p> <p>pinecone feathers          wiggly eyes orange          pipe cleaner          glue</p>	<p>Glue one or two feathers to the back of the pinecone near the bottom.</p> <p>Glue two wiggly eyes on the other side of the pinecone near the top.</p> <p>Cut a one-1/2 inch piece of pipe cleaner, bend in half and glue on beneath the wiggly eyes.</p>

