

Flapping Feathered Friends

Birds have wings covered in feathers to help them fly or move throughout their environment. Can you think of a bird that doesn't fly? A penguin doesn't fly but still has wings and uses them to move (or fly) underwater. With this activity little ones can make their own bird with flapping wings.

You'll need:

- Bird template
- Scissors
- Coloring pencils or crayons
- Tape
- Drinking straw
- Optional: feathers

What to do:

- 1. Color in the bird outline.
- 2. Cut out the bird outline.
- 3. On the backside of the bird outline place the drinking straw at the base of the beak and tape into place. Tape over the straw at the base of the tail.
- 4. Turn your bird over and, holding the end of the straw, flap up and down to see its long wings flapping. How slow or fast can you make the wings flap?
- 5. Optional: glue or tape feathers onto the bird's wings.







