

## Instructions for drawing a bird

1. *The eye.* Make a *dot* for the center of the eye, anywhere you want on your paper, leaving room for the body, tail, and legs. Draw a *circle* around the eye to make the outside rim.



2. *The beak.* Make a small *angle line* in front of the eye, leaving a space between the eye and the beak, with the point of the angle going toward the eye. Draw a *straight line* for the middle of the beak, going away from the eye, as long as you want your beak to be. (It will look like an arrow.) To make a sharp point on your beak, start at the tip of the beak and draw a *straight line* from the tip across the top. Do the same for the bottom of the beak.



3. *The head.* Draw a *curved line* over the top of the head, until it comes down the back of the head and stops somewhere below the beak. Draw a *curved line* from the bottom of the



beak downward to the same length as the back of the head. Draw a *straight line* across the bottom of the head and across the paper until it is as long as you want your bird's body to be.



4. *The body.* Draw a *curved line* from the bottom of the head to make a chest; curve it under to go across for the stomach, and then curve it up to the straight line you made to the end of the body.



5. *The wing.* Make an *angle line* from the back of the bird to the length you want your wing to be. Make feathers on it in any design you want.



6. *The back, other wing, and tail.* Since everybody's bird is a different size and shape, add any lines you need to close the spaces between the wing and the body to show the back of the bird. Add the other wing if you wish, coming out from behind the bird. Add long *U-shaped curved lines* out of the back of the body for the tail, and decorate the feathers any way you want.



7. *The legs and feet.* Make *single or double straight lines* to create your legs where you want, and add three *single or double curved lines* for the toes.



8. *The branches and berries.* Take a brown broad-tipped marker and make a *straight or curved branch* that comes from the edge of the paper and through the feet of the bird. Yours may have to take a totally different shape than the one in this sample, due to differences in the placement of your bird and its size and shape. Add more branches, wherever you want them to be. Take a fine-tipped dark-colored marker and make leaves by drawing a *straight line* for the middle of the leaf and a *curved line* on either side that goes from tip to tip. Add any design or veins on your leaves that you wish. Then take a broad-tipped colored marker and make *dots* for berries wherever you want them.

9. *Finishing up.* Color your bird as you wish, but use at least three colors for variety. Look outside at a tree and notice how the leaves are never all the same exact color. Pick several colors for your leaves. Add anything else you want to your