

Fingerprint Birds

All Ages

Everyone will have fun making fingerprint or handprint birds.

Supplies:

- ◆ Non-toxic watercolour paint or washable marker
- ◆ Water
- ◆ Blank paper
- ◆ Suitably-sized paint brushes

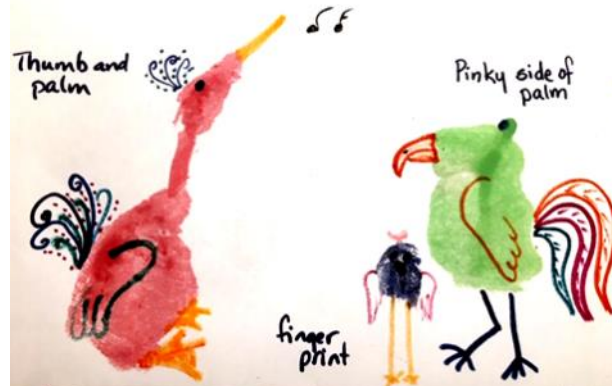
Process for small birds:

- ◇ Draw a tree or other scene on the blank paper.
- ◇ Dip the tip of your finger in water and rub it on the watercolour paint or colour your fingertip with a washable marker.
- ◇ Press your fingertip onto the paper to leave a fingerprint "bird" body in your scene. Use different fingers to vary the size of the birds.
- ◇ Add details to the birds, like feet, feathers, wings and a beak.



Process for large birds:

The steps are similar for larger birds. Because you are covering more surface area, paint works best for this project. Paint your palm or the sides of your hands. Experiment with different prints. Smudges and drips can also be turned into critters.



Tip: For more bird-like fun and art ideas see *Build a Bird* and *Drawing Birds for Everyone* activity pages.

