



Join our Birds of Compassion project!

Hello. We are delighted you are thinking about making a bird (or several birds!) for this wonderful Refugee Week project. Birds symbolise freedom and migration. We will be displaying yours and hundreds (perhaps even thousands) of others at Artworks from the 19th – 25th June. Together they will form a flock or ‘murmuration’ in solidarity with people fleeing war and persecution. These birds of compassion are also connected to a giant piece of temporary land art being made for Refugee Week up at Savile Park in Halifax, by the amazing Mytholmroyd based company Sand In Your Eye [Home page | Sand In Your Eye](#). Want to know more? Come and find us at Savile Park on 15th June between 11am – 6pm.

Refugee Week: celebrates the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees and people seeking sanctuary. The theme this year is Compassion. For us, compassion means noticing that someone is in distress, isolated or in need of help, then acknowledging that and where possible, helping them to get what they need. What does it mean to you?

How you can take part: You can either make your own bird however you like (but make it light so it can be hung) or follow one of artist Rose Moon’s suggested step by step instructions below. Drop your creations off at St Augustine’s Centre (HX1 5PG) or Artworks (HX3 9ET) **by 15th June.**

Call Jake on 07483 327570 if you have any questions.

Making the Birds: We have included four methods of making paper birds so you can choose the one that best suits you. Or you could make them all! Equipment lists are given on each page. Please make your birds your own using collage, drawing or unique paper.

We are also asking that each bird contains a message of compassion to refugees so please ask each participant to write one on their bird!



Equipment

- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Materials to decorate (pencils, colours, shapes, patterns)
- Print bird templates 1, 2, 3, and 4 (these work best on card but paper is fine too!)

Bird Activity 1 (Easy)

Cut out the bird shape from Template Sheet 1 below.

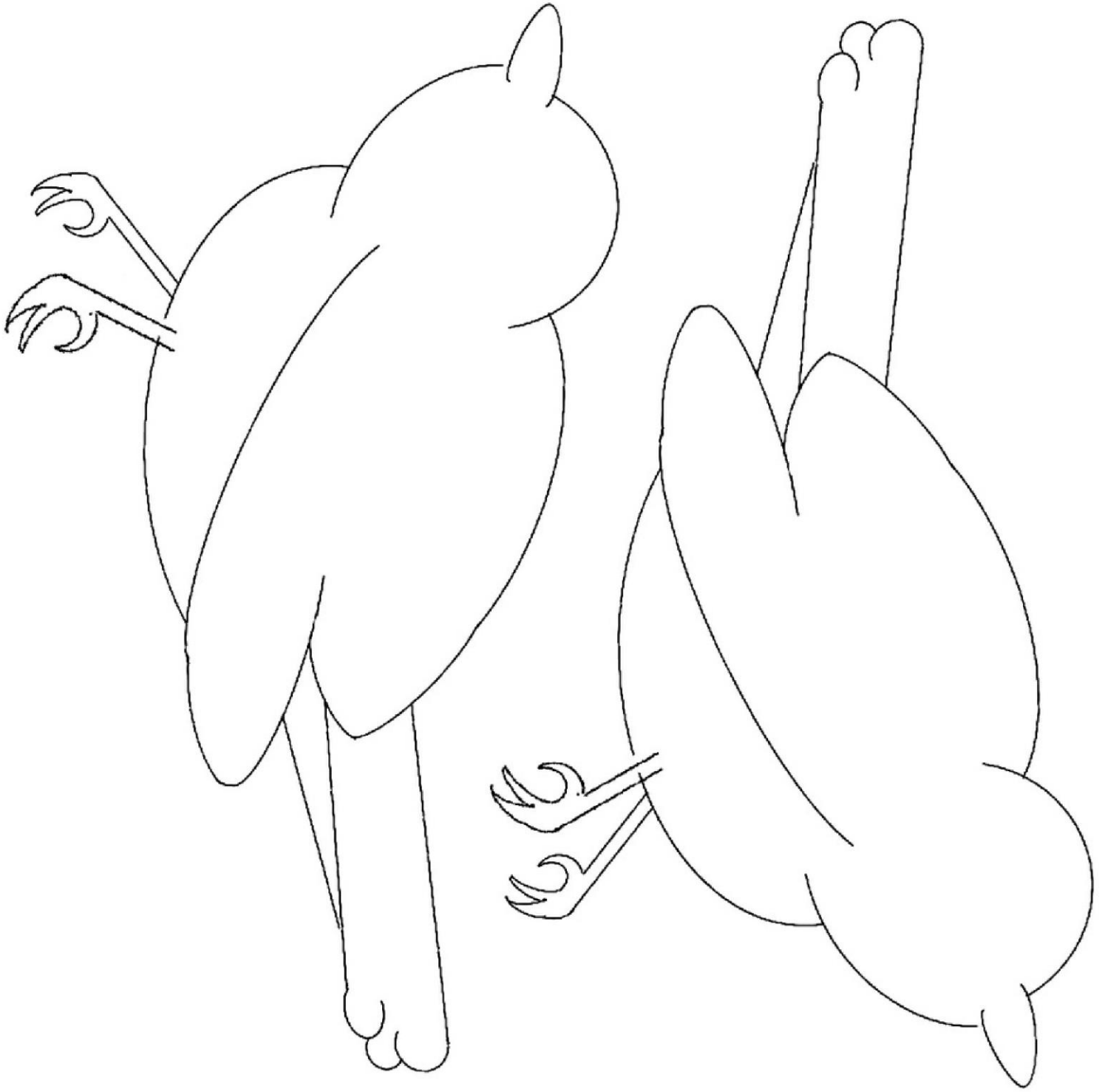
You can use any collage materials to decorate your bird. Think about how you can reflect the texture of feathers, such as using long pieces of scrap material for long wing and tail feathers, and smaller bits for fluffy feathers.

If you want to do more, you might consider how you can represent refugee stories in your design, perhaps by using maps or written or printed text.

Don't forget that your bird will be seen on both sides so please decorate it on the back too!



Template 1



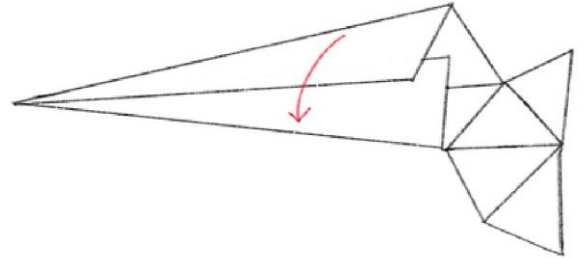
Bird Activity 2 (Intermediate)

Step 1

Cut out the bird template and the net (see next page for templates 2 and 3). You are going to fold the net up to make the body.

Step 2

Score and fold along the lines then, beginning with the longer triangle, fold one end triangle right over so it overlaps the other. Glue in place so you have a triangular-based pyramid. This is the body.



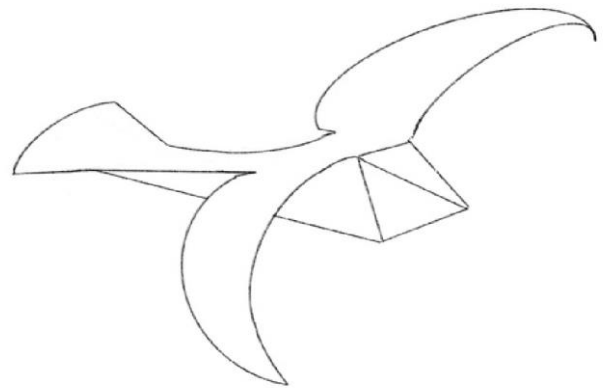
Step 3

Fold the shorter triangles and glue them in the same way. This is the head. You can stick the open end of the head inside the body to keep it neat.



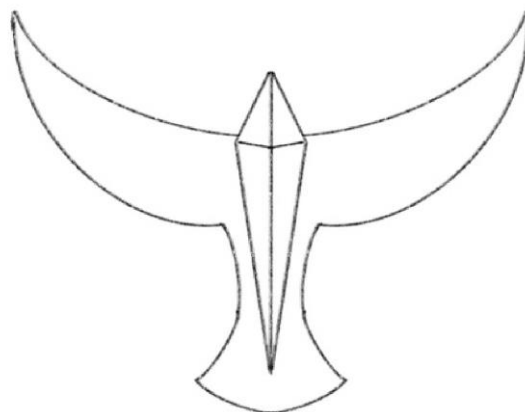
Step 4

Apply glue to the central strip of the bird...imagine it is going down its spine! Now you can glue the body on... Pay attention to which way the head is pointing!

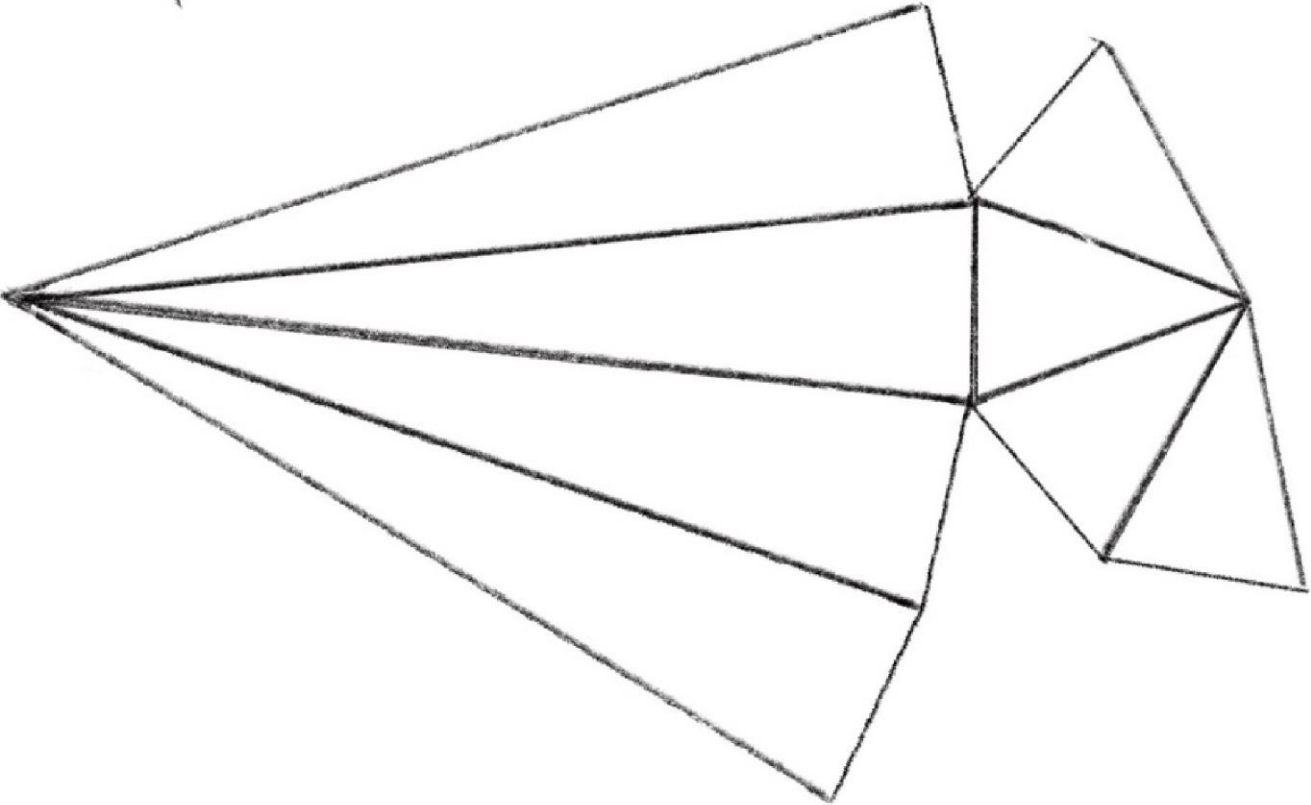
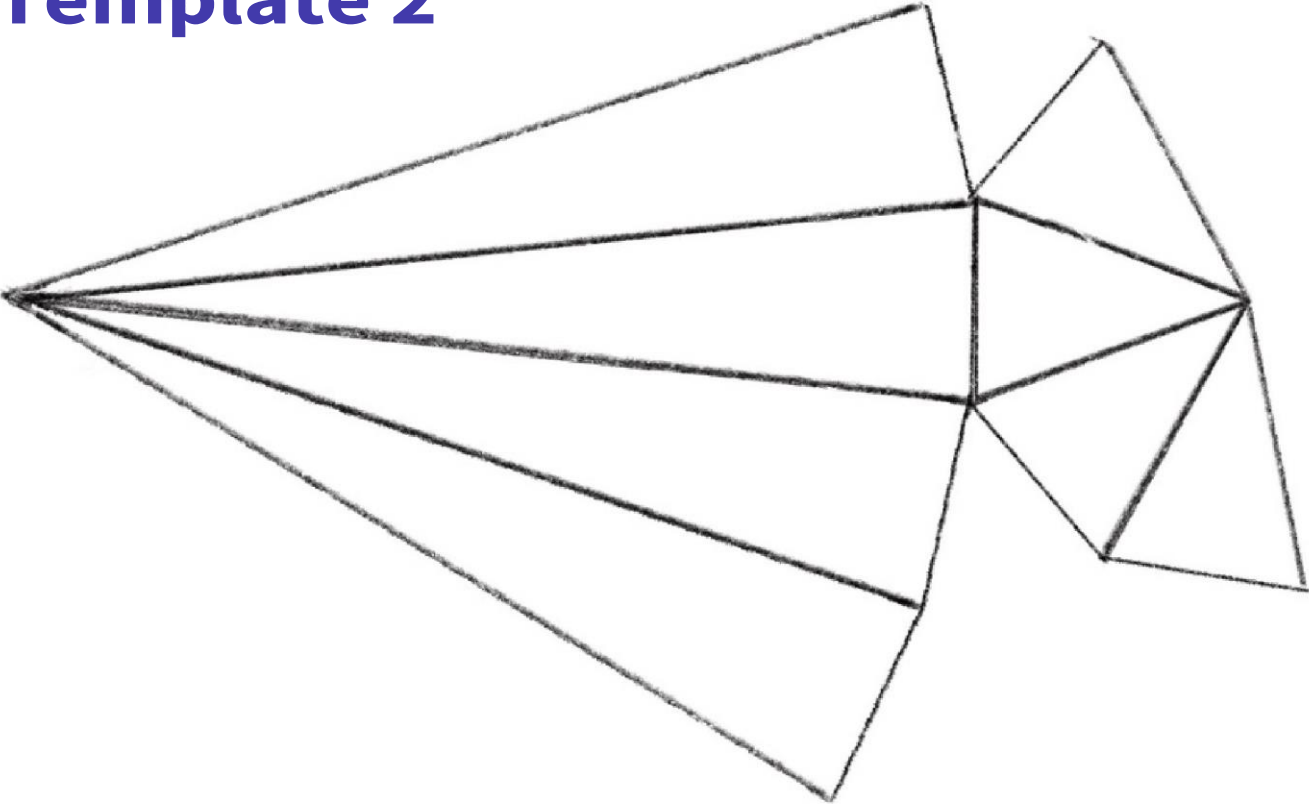


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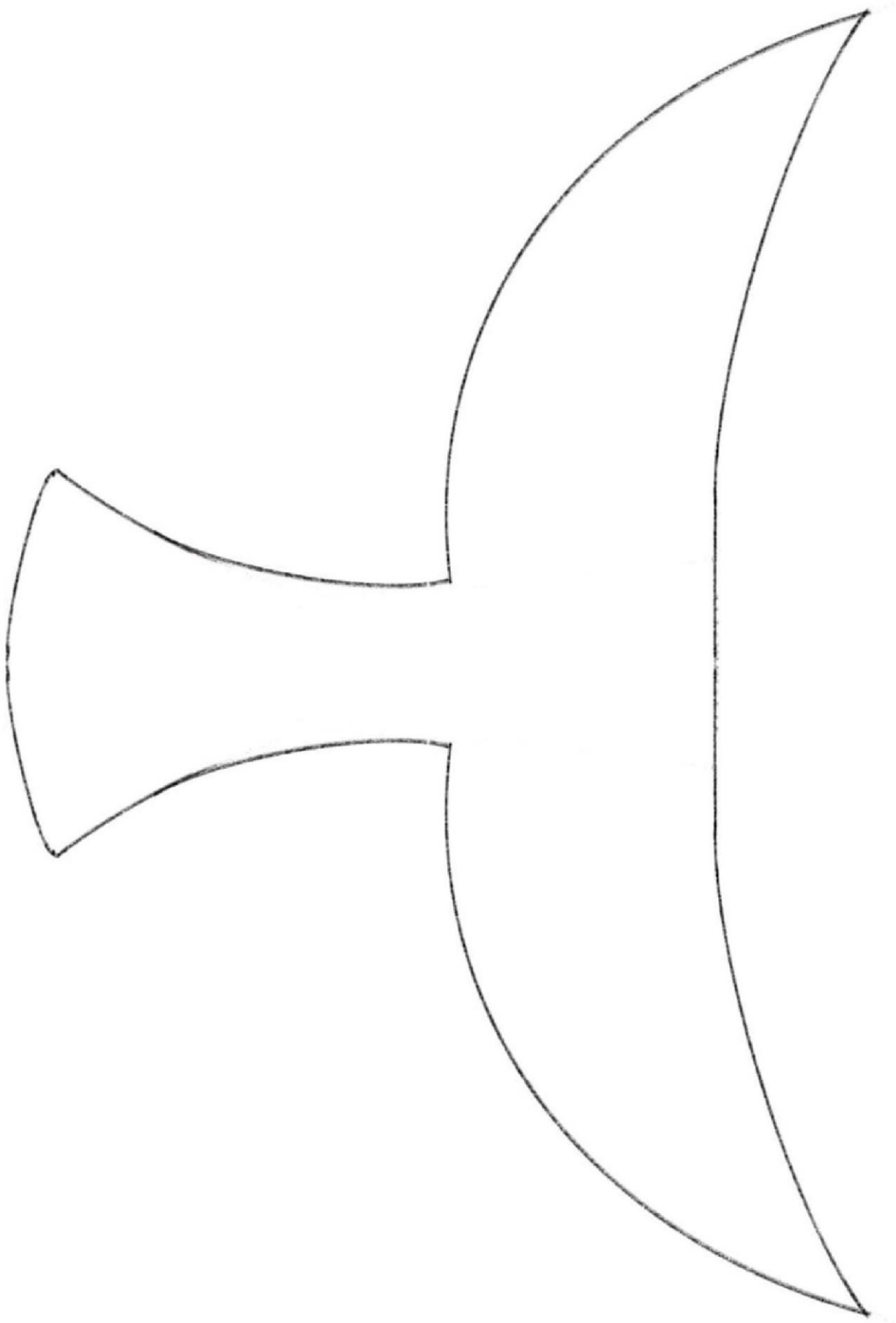
You can cut the tail and wings to create feather shapes and decorate your bird. Please remember to include a message of compassion to refugees and people seeking sanctuary on your bird!



Template 2



Template 3



Bird Activity 3 (Easy(ish))

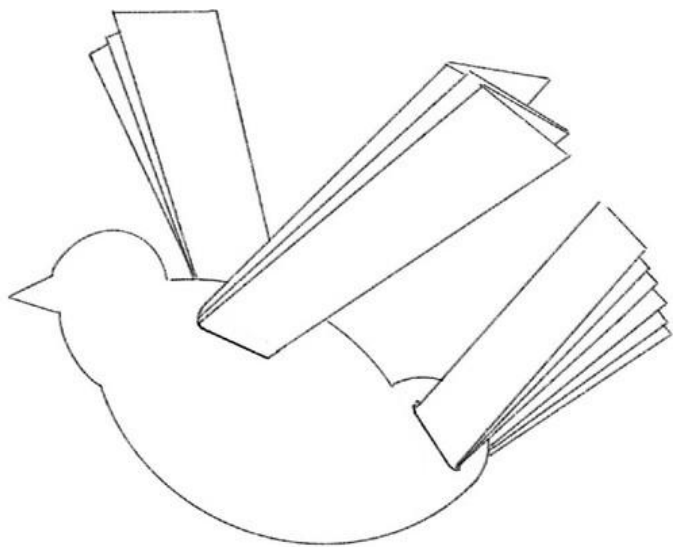
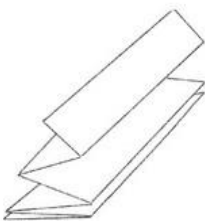
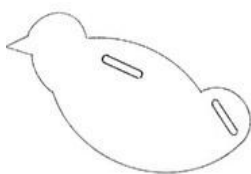
Materials:

- **Thin card to cut the bird template from**
- Paper
- Scissors
- (Optional: stapler and staples)

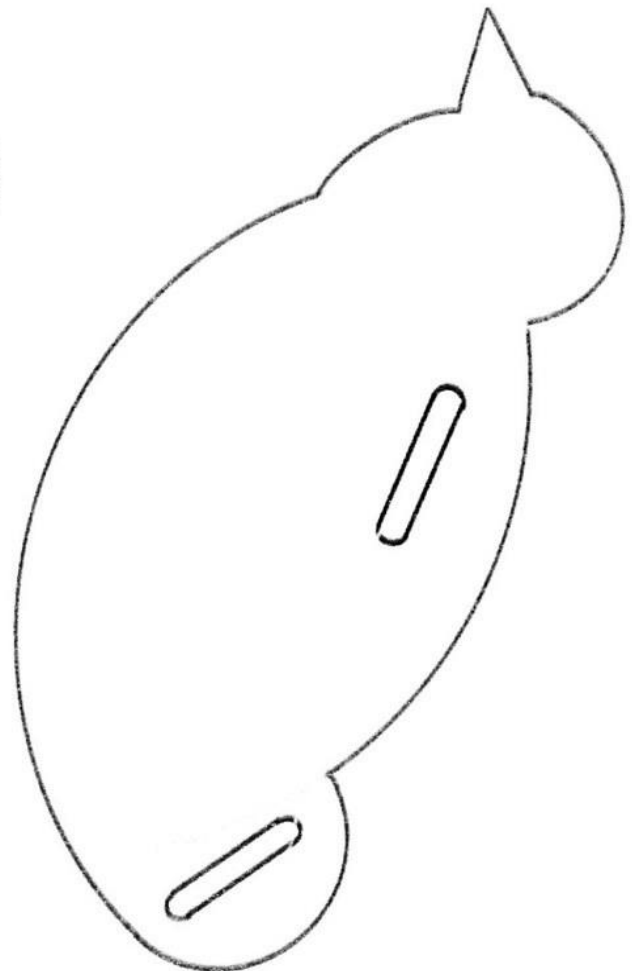
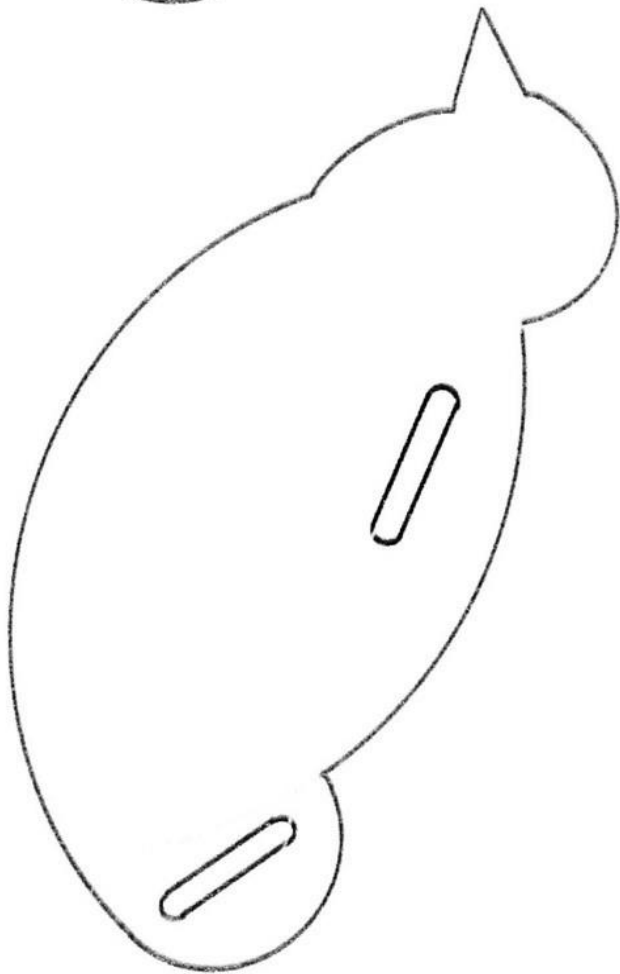
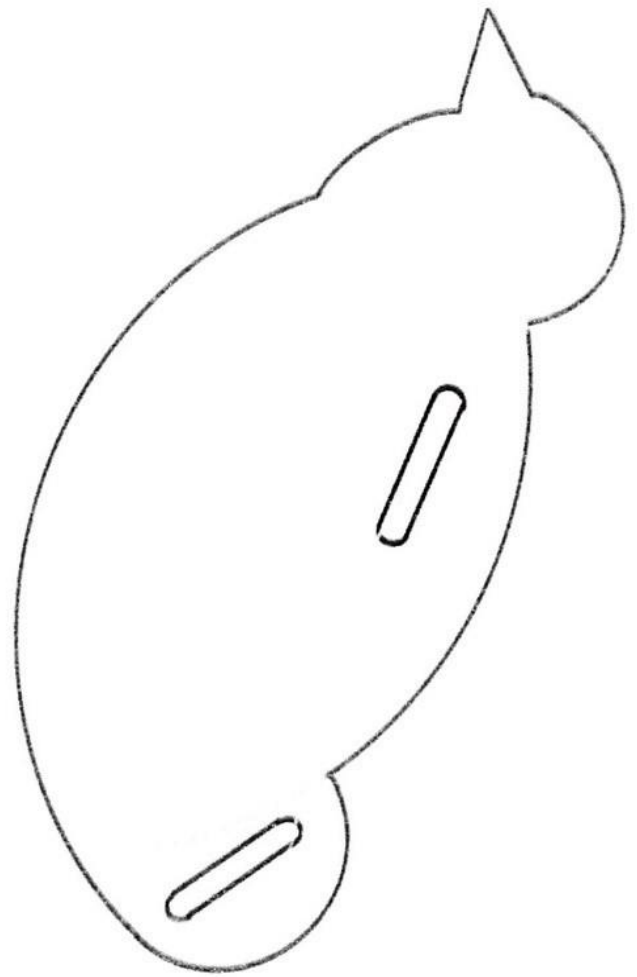
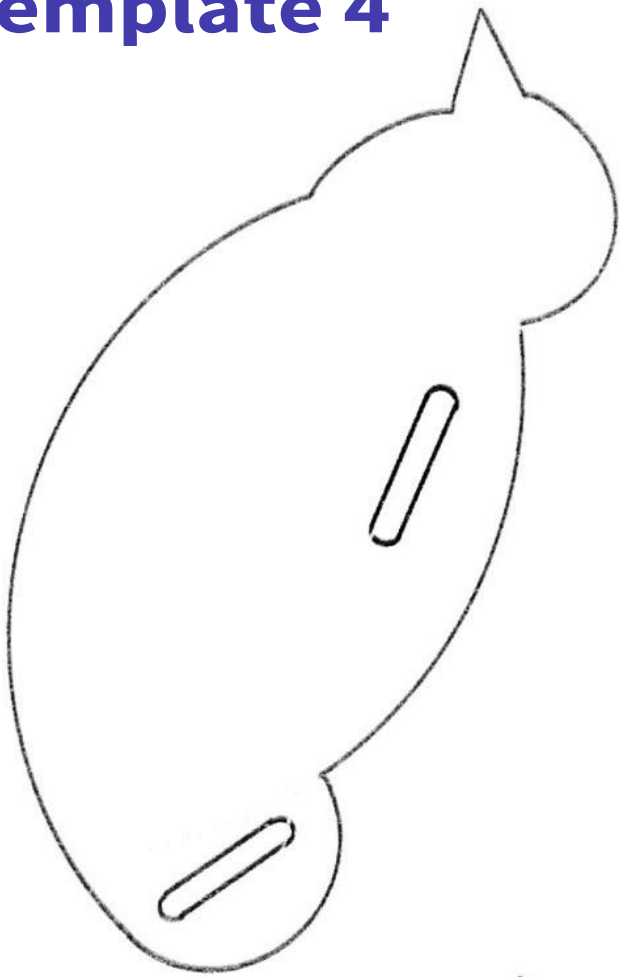
Method

1. Cut the bird template on the next page out of card (template 4) . You can use coloured or patterned card or even draw on them to decorate. Or you can stick other paper onto the card. Remember the theme is compassion for people seeking sanctuary so try to choose something that reflects that idea. Don't forget to write a message to refugees somewhere on your bird!
2. Cut the two slots out using scissors.
3. Take two more pieces of paper and fold them back and forth like making a fan. It's going to fit in the slots cut in the template so make sure they're not too wide!
4. Slip the first folded paper into the slot to be wings. Slip the second into the tail slot. You can fold or cut them to shape. You may wish to secure them with a staple.

Your bird is ready to fly

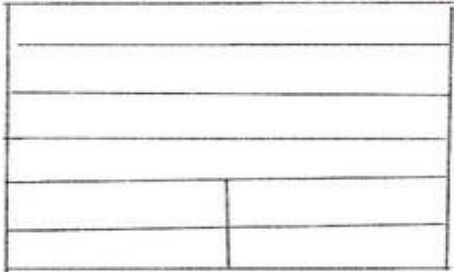


Template 4





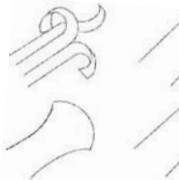
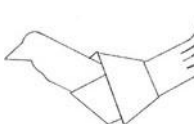

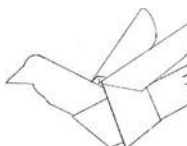
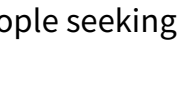
Bird Activity 4 (Challenging)

Materials

- A3 paper, cut into strips (see image) 
- Scissors
- Pencils
- Glue stick
- Materials to decorate such as coloured pencils or collage materials. Alternatively, you can use patterned printed paper. Maps or print representing refugee stories for example

Method

Start with a piece of A3 paper. Cut it into six horizontal strips. Each person will need one and a half strips so cut as the diagram one sheet will be enough for four people.

1. Take your long strip and bend it around as if tying it into a knot. Don't worry about the ends being even, in fact, it's better if they're not! 
2. Flatten your knot and you have the basis for a bird! 
3. Draw a bird's head on the shorter end and cut it out. 
4. Cut slits in the longer end for tail feathers. you can curl these with scissors just like ribbon. Alternatively, you can cut it into fu shapes or curves. 
5. Fold your shorter strip in half. 
6. Draw a wing shape onto the non-folded end and cut it out. You can use a simple curve or something more fancy just be sure to only cut the end without the fold. 
7. Open up your wings and apply a little bit of glue stick along the fold. 
8. Place the wings over the bird's back and press to make the glue stick. You can then fold your wings up as though the bird is flying.
9. You can now decorate your bird. Don't forget to include a message for people seeking sanctuary.