

Paper Bag Dove Craft

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The dove is a great symbol for many bible stories and for a peace theme.

You can turn the dove craft into nearly any bird simply by coloring in the template. Try making a bluebird or a robin!



Materials:

- a paper lunch bag (white would be good for this project, but brown is ok too)
- white paint or white paper (or color of your choice if you're making a different colored bird).
- a printer,
- some crayons,
- scissors,
- glue,
- paper for the printer

Optional:

- big [wiggly eyes](#)

Print the Template:

- Print out the template of choice (color or b&w)
- Color (as required) and cut out the template pieces.

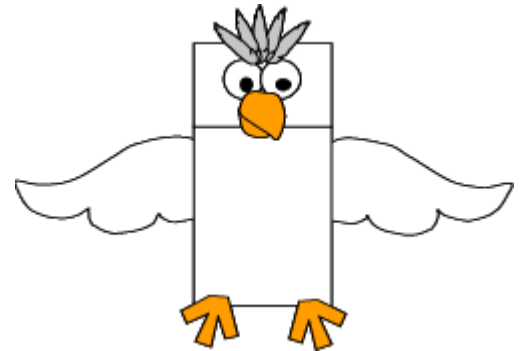
Get Familiar with Your Paper Bag:

- I'm going to walk through this slowly. Look at your paper bag.
- It should be closed and flat like a piece of paper. Just like when they are brand new.
- On one side, it's all smooth. This will be the **BACK** of your puppet.
 - It's important that all the kids get the back and front straight at the beginning!
- On the other side there's a flippy tab (which is typically the bottom of the bag when you're carrying your lunch around...)
 - This flippy tab will be the **HEAD**.
- Lift the flippy tab up a bit. Underneath of the tab will be the mouth,
 - When the child puts her hand in the bag, she'll be able to make the puppet talk.

- Look at the rest of the front of the bag. (The 3/4 or so of the bag below the part with the flippy tab) This will be the **BODY**.
- Look at the sides of the bag. There should be a **FLAP** of paper.
 - We'll be slipping the wings into this flap.
 - If the kids goof and glue the wings onto the front or back of the bag, it isn't a big deal.
- OK, now that we're comfy with our bags, let's craft!

Assemble your puppet:

- Cover the paper bag with white paper (just glue it on and trim) or paint the paper bag white and let dry.
- Glue the feather tuft to the top of the **HEAD**
- Glue the eyes onto the **HEAD** just under the feathers. If you like, you can use [wiggly eyes](#) instead of the paper template pieces.
- Glue the beak under the eyes. It will likely hang down over a little bit of the **BODY**. Make sure you just put glue on top of the beak (where it touches the **HEAD**) so you don't end up gluing the mouth shut.
- Glue the wings into the **FLAP**.
- Glue the feet onto the bottom of the **BODY**
- Glue the tail onto the **BACK**.

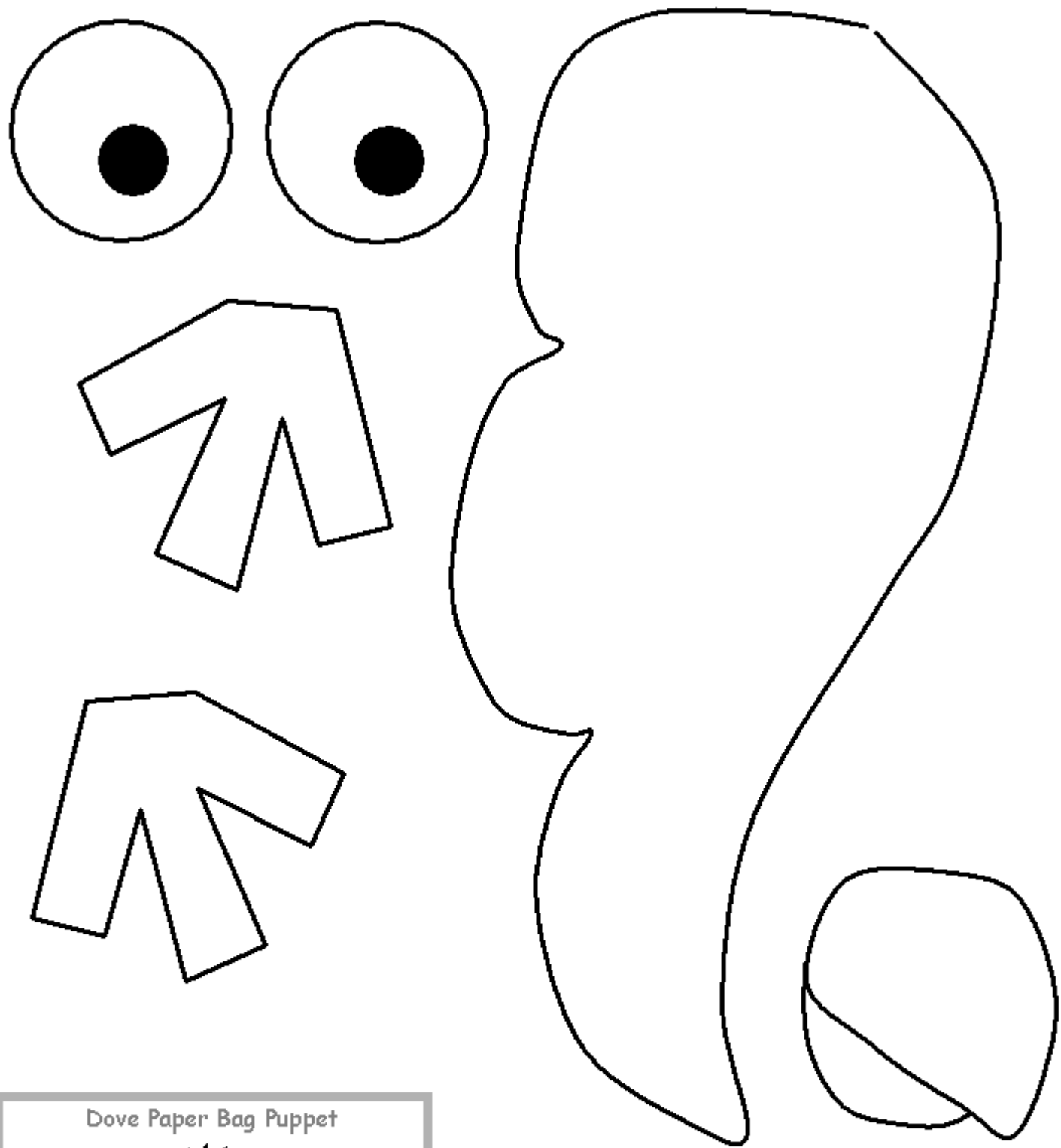


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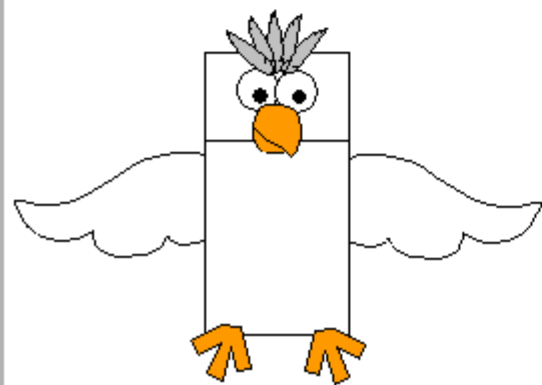
- Close the template window after printing to return to this screen.
- Set page margins to zero if you have trouble fitting the template on one page (FILE, PAGE SETUP or FILE, PRINTER SETUP in most browsers).

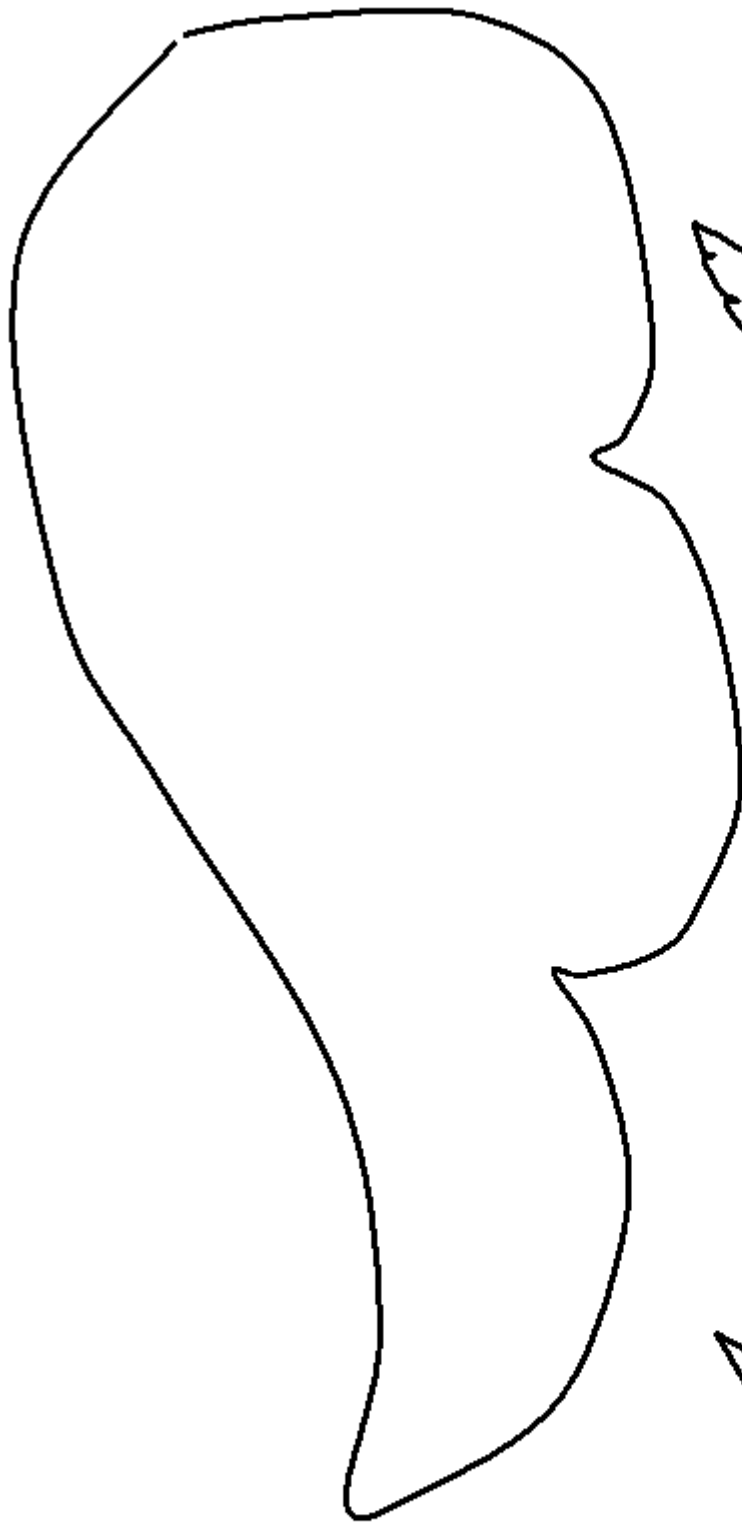
Template 1: ([color](#)) or ([B&W](#))

Template 2: ([color](#)) or ([B&W](#))

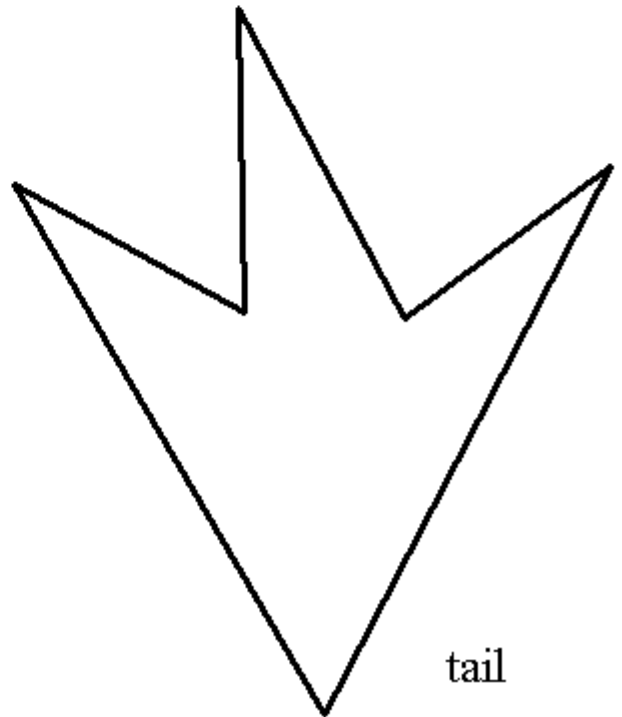


Dove Paper Bag Puppet





Head feathers



tail