

Pattern for Paper Bird-on-the-Nest:

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Directions for Paper Bird-on-the-Nest:

1. Cut out the pattern for a paper bird, cutting all the pieces apart. If the pattern is going to be used more than once or by young children, you may want to glue it onto stiff paper first, so the pieces will be easier to draw around.
2. Place each shape on a piece of appropriately colored paper. Trace around the shape and cut it out.
3. Arrange all the colored pieces on a sheet of paper and glue them in place. For young children you may want to copy the pattern so each child can use one for a base. They can then match each shape to it's place and glue it down.

Framing Your Paper Bird-on-the-Nest:

I framed my bird by cutting out 20 one inch squares and pasting them around the borders. You could make a fancier frame by cutting the squares in half to make triangles and then mixing them so each square is made of two triangles of different colors or patterns. Or you could simply paste your bird onto another piece of colored paper. Another possibility is to make several paper designs and paste them together on a larger sheet of paper to make a paper "quilt". Have fun!