

# Back in the Classroom Art Lesson

## ANIMALS IN ART - TRACK ONE

### *BIRD POSTCARDS*

Make a postcard size picture of a bird to send to a friend. Morris Graves painted this delightful picture of woodpeckers on tree bark. Look at it. What do you see? How many can you count? What colors has he used? What sort of noises can you imagine? Now you try it!

### Making Art: Step by Step

Make a picture of a bird on a postcard.

#### Step #1 - PLAN

- Choose a photograph of bird that you like.  
Look closely at the bird. Describe the colors that you see.  
Trace the outline of the bird with your finger.  
What else do you notice about the bird?  
How would you describe its habitat or the background?

#### Step #2 - MAKE ART

- **Gather Materials:** black permanent marker, postcard size watercolor paper, watercolor crayons, paintbrush, water and a paper towel.
- **Draw a Bird**  
Using a black permanent marker (be careful it will stain your clothing!) draw the outline of a bird.  
Look closely at your photograph while you draw.  
Include some details like eyes, talons, and a beak.
- **Color in the Bird**  
**TIPS for Using Watercolor Crayons** - Try one or more fun ways to work with watercolor crayons.
  - Color your bird using watercolor crayons.
  - Use a brush or sponge brush to blend in colors for a watercolor effect.
  - Dip the watercolor crayon tip into water and then draw on the paper.
  - Go back in again on top of your painting with watercolor crayons and add details, or lines to define the bird.
- **Color in a Background**  
Where does your bird live or where does it spend most of its time?  
Use watercolor crayons to depict a setting.



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