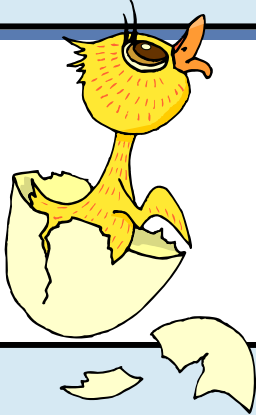


# Story of Baby Bird

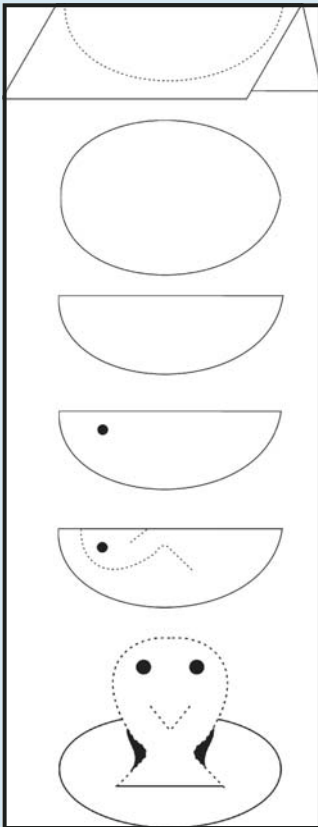
Age: 2-5 years



## What's needed

9- by 12-inch piece of construction paper  
Scissors  
Black felt-tip pen or black crayon  
Pattern on last page

## What to do



Present the story to the children following the instructions as you do so. Practice reading the story before telling it to the children. (Pattern included)

**The Story:** One spring day, a mother bird and a father bird began to build a nest. It took them a long time, because they had to carry many pieces of string, grass and twigs high up into the branch of a tree. When they finally finished, it looked like this. (Fold paper in half lengthwise and cut as shown by dotted line.)

Then the mother bird sat down on the nest and laid a beautiful egg. The egg was shaped like this. (Unfold nest and show egg shape.)

The egg was far down inside the nest where no one could see it. (Fold back into nest shape again.) Now the mother bird had to sit on the egg to keep it warm. She had to sit there for an awfully long time, on hot days, cold days and rainy days, so she was very glad when two little black bugs came along to keep her company. They had nice long talks which made the days more pleasant for her. (Make two black dots, one on each side of the nest, near the top, one-third of the way from the end.)

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## What to do (Continued)

At last, the time came for the egg to hatch and the mother bird heard a crackling noise. She looked down and saw that there were some cracks in the egg. The cracks got bigger and bigger. (Cut as indicated by dotted lines.) And finally, the egg broke in half and out came...guess what? A baby bird! (Fold top part of egg down and fold bill up slightly.)

## What children will learn

Science and nature, listening skills

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