

Wycinanki Class Preparations and Planning **Sue Van Wassenhove • NFO Conference • April 8, 2021**

For our Wycinanki class we each need to cut a bird out of dark paper. The template for a single bird is on a separate document. We will add the template for the double birds when we receive it.

1. The single bird will be the easiest.
2. The small double bird will mean snipping tiny feathers (in class).
Choose this if you like detail work.
3. The larger double bird is more work and a fun project.
It will require bigger pieces of colored paper for its feathers.

Things to keep in mind when creating your birds:

1. Polish cuttings are loose and joyous.
Your birds need not match my ideas or the templates.
Use the templates if you wish.
Resize or enlarge them to suit you.
Feel free to design a new bird -BUT-
2. We need DARK BIRDS to show off the colorful feathers we'll cut in class. Black is traditional. You may choose another color, but pick something dark.
3. The birds need FAT BODIES and BROAD WINGS to give us space for these festive feathers.
4. Please glue (using a fresh glue-stick) your bird on white paper. Computer paper is fine.
5. Save up, collect, even buy plain colorful paper: origami, wrapping paper, magazine and catalogue paper. Store it in an envelope or folder.

Note: Don't wait until class to look in a magazine for your colored paper. It'll waste your time. Avoid construction paper, it fades fast. We don't want our results don't fade.

6. It will help the class greatly if you can begin with a pre-cut bird. Those without one at the beginning, should know: I will introduce the class ideas and start the class on the feathers. Then I will backtrack and show those without birds how to cut one. Please have a dark piece of paper on hand. We'll catch you up.

7. What you need for class:
 - work space: 2' square or larger
 - glue stick (not old, please)
 - brown grocery bag or similar to place under gluing
 - scissors
 - all your saved colored paper, in 2"x3" pieces or larger
 - 1 or 2 pieces of dark (black?) colored paper
 - a few sheets of 8.5"x11" computer paper
 - waste basket