

Hummingbird Mobile

Hummingbird facts:

- Ruby-throated Hummingbirds are the most common hummingbird in Massachusetts. The males have a red throat per their namesake but both males and females are covered in glittering green feathers.
- Hummingbirds are tiny but mighty. Ruby-throated hummingbirds are about 3 ¾" in length with a 4 ½" wingspan. Their wings flap 53 times per second and they migrate to Mexico and Central America for the Winter.
- Ruby-throated hummingbirds feed on flower nectar but they eat maple sap in the early spring! They access the sap through the holes left from yellow-bellied sap suckers, a type of woodpecker.



Materials:

Crayons/Markers
Scissors

3 Feet String or Ribbon
Stapler

Glue
Plastic water bottle

Instructions

*Adult help may be necessary!

Step 1: Color and cut out the flowers (2 pc) and hummingbirds (4 pc)

Step 2: Cut the string/ribbon into 5 lengths – 4", 6", 8", 8", 10"

Step 3: Construct mobile:

o Flower topper:

- Cut the plastic bottle* to keep the top 3.5" (neck + shoulders) to create a cone.
- Make a mobile holder using an 8" length of string.
- Staple the ends of the string inside the shoulders of the bottle on opposite sides.
- Pull the center of the string through the neck of the bottle.
- Curl the petals of the flowers using the edges of the scissors.*
- Slip both flowers over the neck of the bottle and arrange the petals so they alternate.

o Hummingbirds:

- Fold each hummingbird in half along the center dotted line.
- Fold wings out along the dotted line.
- Fold tails out along the dotted line.
- Prepare the hummingbirds for hanging by sandwiching one of the strings between the body halves with glue (do not glue the wing or tail halves).
- Allow the hummingbird bodies to dry.
- Connect the hummingbirds to the flower topper by stapling the string to the bottle shoulders so they are evenly spaced.*

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