



# MyCraftBasketStudio

## Iris Folding - Chirp

### Your seasonal bird, ready for any occasion

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Print these instructions and follow along with my video:

<https://youtu.be/ECKbq5q93qU>

#### Materials Required :

- X-Acto knife - for precise cutting of the bird aperture
- Scissors - for trimming hats and cardstock
- Text-weight colored papers - choose colors that suit your bird and occasion
- Cardstock - for your aperture and adding stability
- Holographic paper, glitter paper, foil or metallic paper for Iris
- Coloring medium of your choice - markers, pencils, crayons, etc.
- Temporary tape - to hinge the aperture over the pattern
- Regular single-sided tape - for securing paper strips during folding
- Glue - for attaching hats and embellishments (glue stick and liquid)
- Embellishments - optional sparkle like sequins, glitter, or stickers
- Foam tape - optional to raise hat or nest.
- Card base and mats which match your color choices.

#### Instructions:

##### *Aperture and accessories prep*

1. Print the Chirp bird pattern and hats sheet (page 4) on text-weight paper. If your printer allows, you may print directly onto cardstock.
2. Choose and color your hat and nest. After coloring, use glue stick and glue the hat and nest to cardstock and cut it out.
3. Cut out the bird design - including the surrounding square frame - to create your folding window. Use glue stick and glue this cutout onto cardstock for stability.



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4. Using an X-Acto knife or scissors, carefully remove the bird shape from the center. This creates an aperture (or opening) for your iris folding. Use this as a template to trace many more!
5. Print the bird pattern again on text-weight paper. This second copy will serve as your folding guide and can be used multiple times.
6. Add the beak. You can color it with a marker or cut a small triangle from black cardstock and glue it in place.
7. Place the cardstock aperture over the pattern, matching up the edges. Use temporary tape to secure one edge so you can hinge and lift as you work, checking your progress as you go.

#### *Preparing the Strips of Paper*

1. Gather three different colors of lightweight text paper (or colors of your choice).
2. Cut into 1" wide strips. The length is not important - you will trim them as you go.
3. Fold each strip in half. The fold does not need to be perfect.
4. Trim one edge of the folded strip. Cut so that one side measures about  $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide and the other side about  $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide. This shape reduces bulk.

#### *Layering the Strips:*

1. Choose your colors. In this example:
  - Brown for the shaded blue areas
  - Red for the shaded red areas
  - Textbook page (or light neutral) for the white areas
2. Begin with section 1A (brown). Place the folded edge of your strip along the printed line of the pattern. Secure with single-sided tape.



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3. Continue in numerical order. Work your way around the pattern, counting upward.
4. Complete sub-sections in sequence. If a number has parts labeled A and B, finish both before moving to the next number. Check your work as you go.
5. Repeat the process. Layer each strip with its folded edge against the line, taping as you go, until the spiral closes toward the iris center.
6. Cut a piece of holographic, glitter, or metallic paper large enough to cover the iris opening. Secure on all sides with tape.

When all strips are taped in place and the iris center is secured, gently lift the aperture away from the pattern sheet. Remove any temporary tape holding the hinge. Your folded bird is now complete and ready to be mounted.

#### *Card assembly:*

1. Glue your folded bird onto the mat, then attach the mat to the card base.
2. Add the hat, nest, and an embellishment for the eye.

Your seasonal bird is now ready for any occasion!

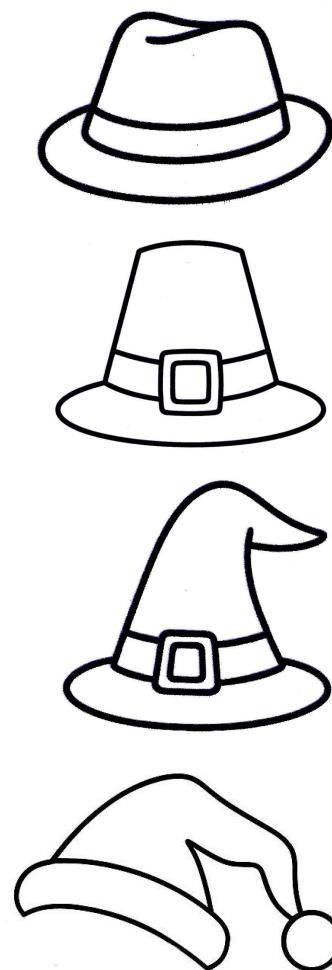
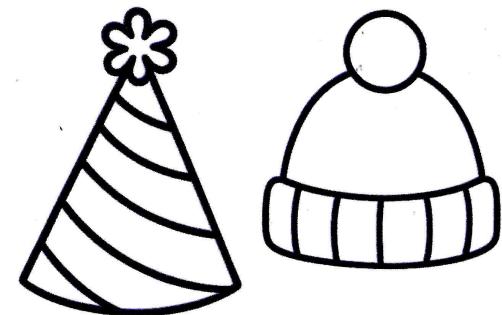
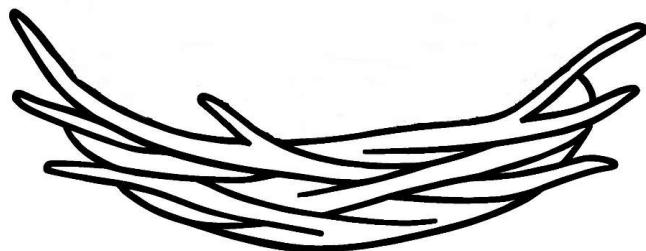
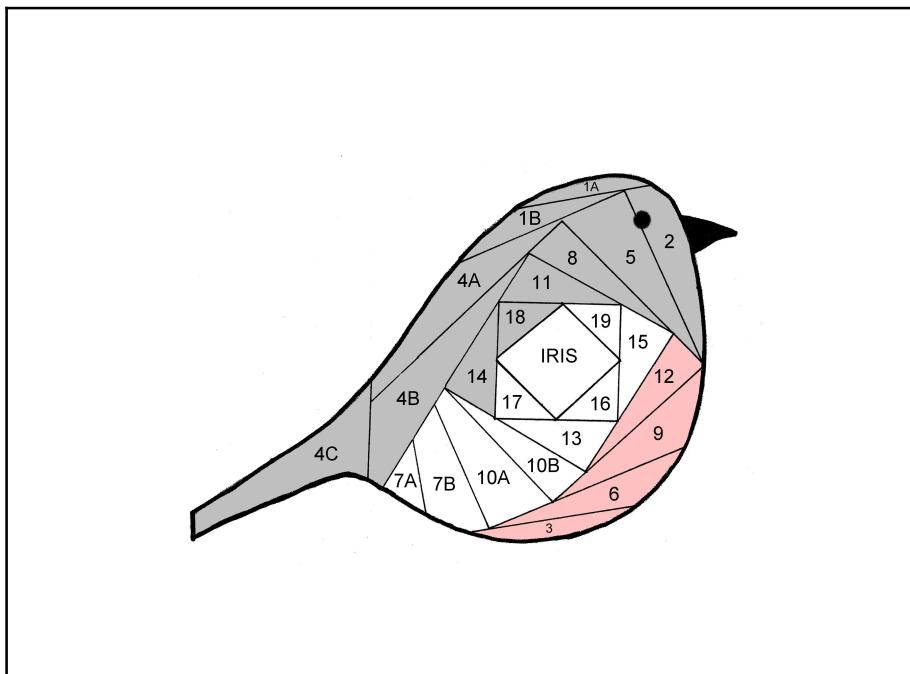
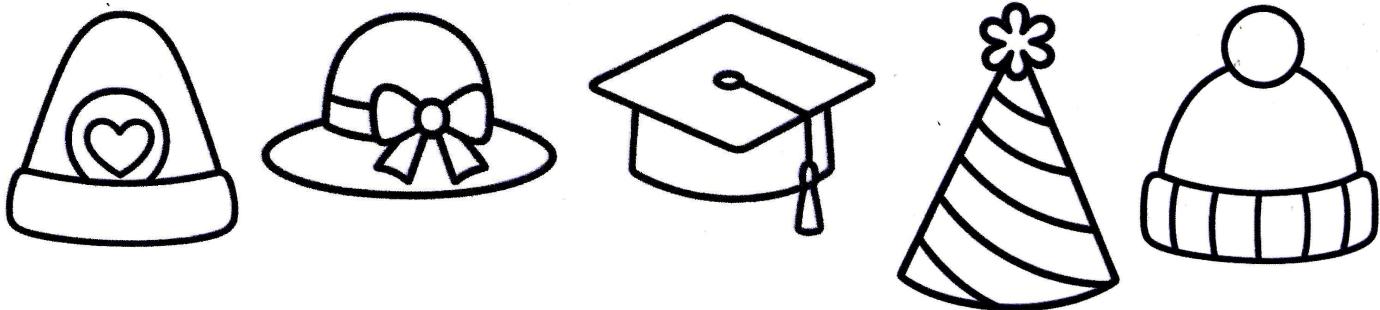


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