

Family Art from Home

Springtime Sticker Sheets

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Stickers are a quick way to add decoration to a variety of items including diaries, notebooks and gifts. In this project you will create your own stickers inspired by the spring season.

Supplies Needed

- Printer paper
- Small piece of cardstock
- Markers
- Clear packing tape
- Scissors
- Optional: thin black marker

How to Do it

Make a display card to store your stickers

1. Cut your cardstock into a small rectangle, anywhere from 3" x 5" to 6" x 9". Make it larger if you want to make more stickers, and smaller if you want fewer.

2. Using the markers, decorate your cardstock with simple patterns or any designs that will be the background for your stickers.

3. Next, you will cover this decorated cardstock with packing tape. This will essentially laminate the cardstock so the stickers you make can be stuck to it and stored without losing their stickiness. To do this, cut a piece of packing tape the length of your cardstock and slowly lay it lengthwise, sticking it as close to one edge of the cardstock as you can. Take a second strip of tape and lay it right next to the first, trying not to overlap or leave a gap. If there is still uncovered cardstock, continue laying the tape. Fold any excess tape over the edge. See Image 1.

Make your stickers!

4. Draw designs with your markers on the printer paper

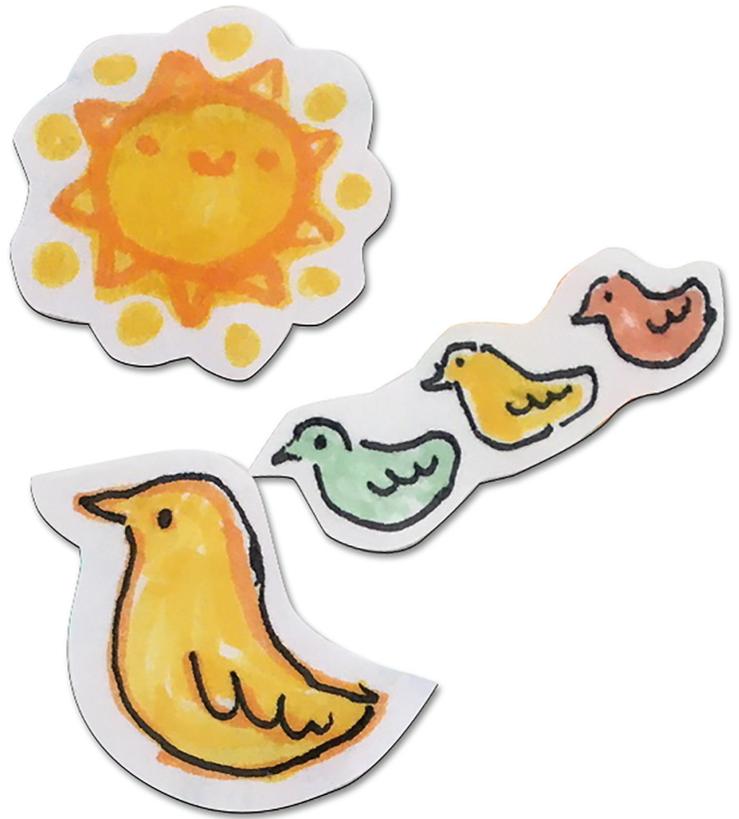


Image 1



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Image 2



Image 3



Image 4

paper, keeping them smaller than the width of the packing tape. For inspiration, think of spring and the things you might find outside! See Image 2. Add outlines and details with the thin black marker if you want. Cut out each design.

5. Hold a strip of tape sticky-side up and lay each design face-down on the tape. Leave space between them and don't place them too close to the tape edge. This will allow each sticker to have a border. See Image 3.

6. Carefully cut the stickers out. Leave a thick border of tape around each design. See Image 4. If your scissors get sticky, have an adult rinse the blades in warm soapy water and scrub the tape residue off with steel wool or a rough sponge. Dry them completely before continuing.

7. Arrange your stickers on the display card however you like. When you are ready to use the stickers, gently peel them off of the card and press them down, pushing the tape border down to seal them. Enjoy!

