

Parrot Collage



Design a parrot using colourful collage materials.

Did You Know ?

Macaws are the largest **parrots** in the world -- the body of the **scarlett macaw** from beak to tail can be as long as 33 inches. This beautiful **macaw** has a creamy white, almost featherless face, with bright **red** plumage covering most of its body, wings and long tail.

Macaws are on the **endangered** species list because their numbers are declining due to **rainforest** destruction and people capturing them for pets.

Large parrots like **Macaws** are among the longest living parrot species. Healthy **Macaw** parrots live an average of 50 years. But they have been known to live up to 100 years!

You might be wondering why they sport all those flashy **colorful** feathers rather than trying to blend into their background. The fact is, they're using all those **colors** as a strategy to stay safe. They are trying to trick their predators! **Scarlet macaws** have a type of coloration known as “disruptive coloration”

Some of the popular Macaw includes:

- Great green Macaw.
- Blue and gold Macaw.**
- Scarlet Macaw.
- Blue-throated Macaw.**
- Military Macaw.
- Red-fronted Macaw.
- Green-winged Macaw.
- Chestnut-fronted Macaw.**



Great Green Macaw



Military Macaw



Scarlett Macaw



Red-Fronted Macaw

What is collage ?

A piece of art made by sticking various different materials such as pieces of paper or fabric on to a backing.



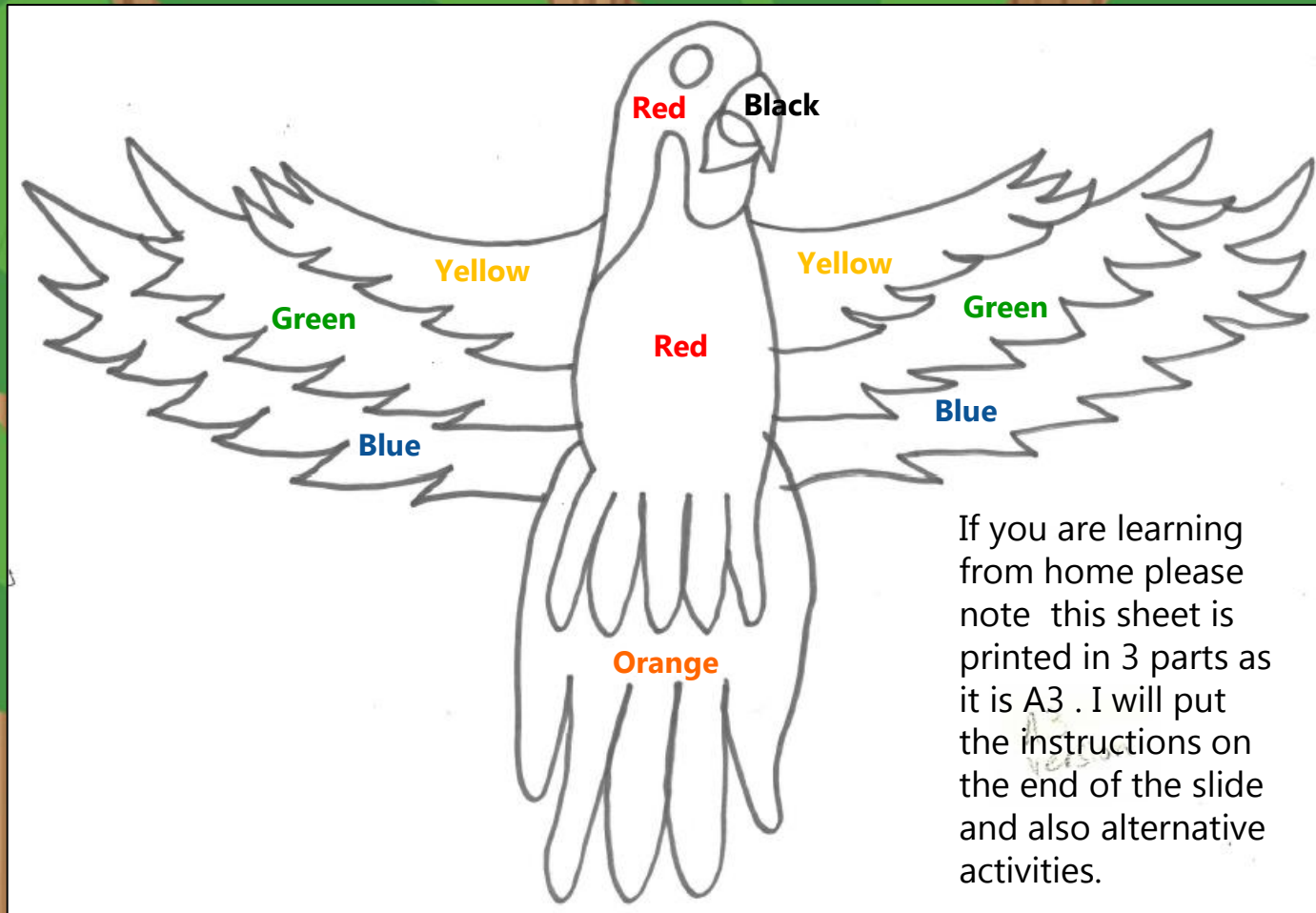
Items you can include in a collage?

Buttons
Coloured cellophane
Coloured paper or card
Coloring book pages
Craft foam
Wool
Fabric scraps or felt
Fancy napkins
Feathers
Old magazines and comics
Newspaper
Sequins
Straws
Wrapping paper
Foil
Old birthday cards
Tissue paper
Wallpaper
Bottle tops and lids
Recycle old envelopes
Baking cases
Ribbon
Empty food packaging



Collect things and put them into colour groups e.g. blues, greens, reds.

Step 1 – Parrot template

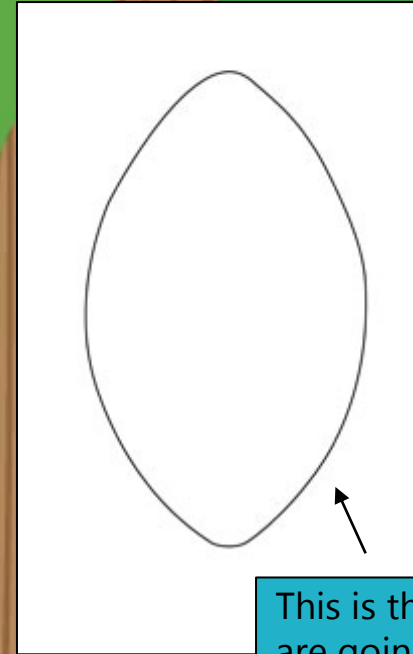


Use a pencil to write on your parrot template the colours you are going to use in your design. For example what colours will you use on the wings, tail, body and face. A little bit like colour by number. This will help you collect the right coloured papers later on.

Step 2 – Inspiration



I used this design for my inspiration. What do you like about it? I love the vibrant colours, it reminds me of rainbow. I also like the shape of the feathers the artist has used to create the look it is very effective. If you look really closely you can see a variety of shades have been used



This is the shape you are going to use for your collage. What sort of shape do you think it is? Does it remind you of something familiar? In this art project I will refer to it as **teardrop**.

Step 3 – Gathering and sorting



We are going to be using scrap paper

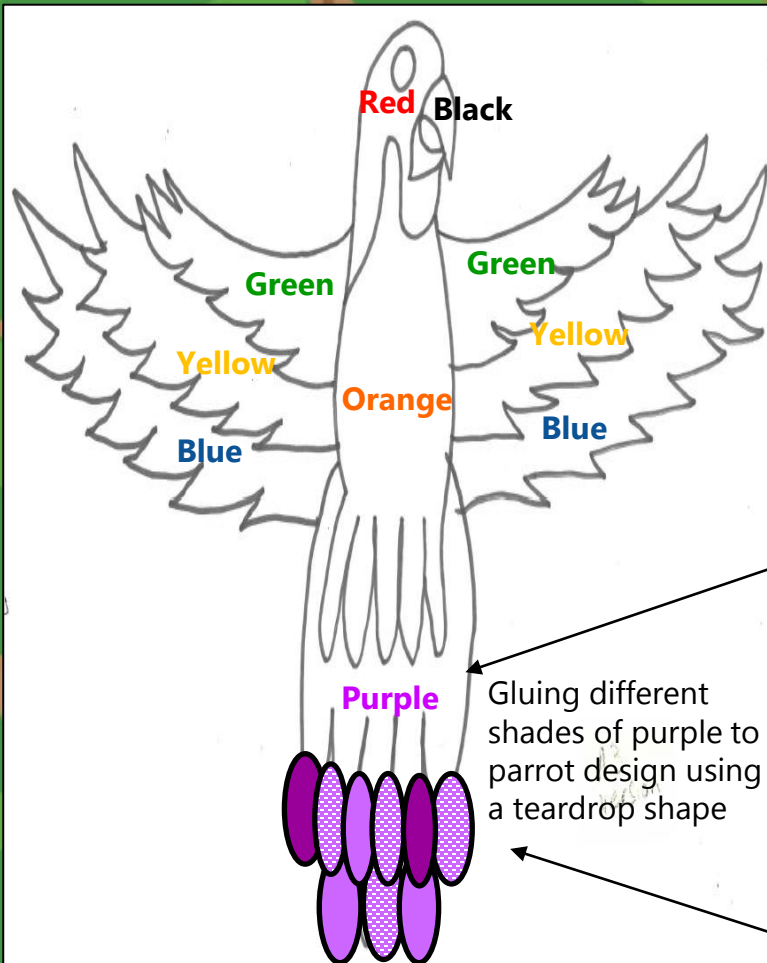
Now that you have chosen your colour groups for your parrot you can collect the items you need. Remember, try to gather different shades of your chosen colour for example light blues and dark blues, like in the picture previously.

Top tip – work with one colour at a time. I started with blues on the bottom of the wing.



Collage colour groups

Step 4 – Shaping the feathers



Gluing different shades of purple to parrot design using a teardrop shape

Lets go back to our design.

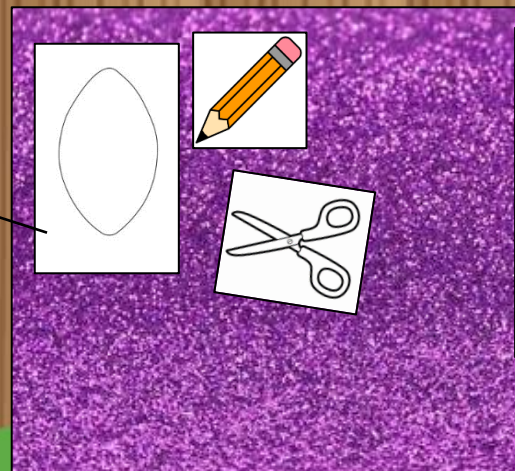
First draw a teardrop shape onto a piece of card to make a template.

Next cut it out and use the template to draw around, using different coloured scraps of paper included in your parrot design.

Example –Using a purple piece of scrap paper, I drew around the teardrop template lots of times and cut them out.

I placed them on the parrot and overlapped them to create a feather effect.

Don't worry about going over the edges, it's better if you do.



1. Draw round teardrop template on to scrap paper colour.
2. Cut out the teardrop shape.
3. Glue to parrot and build up layers. Try to overlap layers.

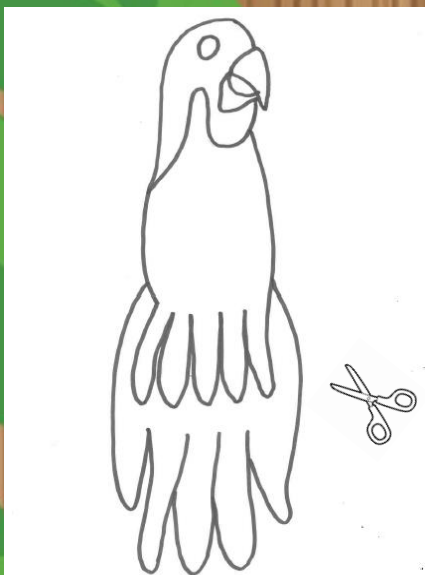
Step 5 – Continue to build layers until complete



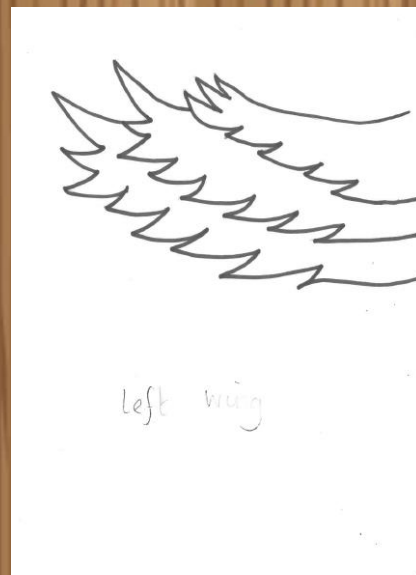
Continue to cut and stick the teardrop feathers onto your parrot. Remember to add different shades to add interest if you can. Glue and overlap the shapes to make it appear fuller. We can't wait to see all of your designs

A3 Version for home learning

If you would like to use the A3 parrot version sheet I drawn it across 3 pages. If you would rather choose another parrot activity please see the next slide for ideas.



Parrot Body



Left Wing

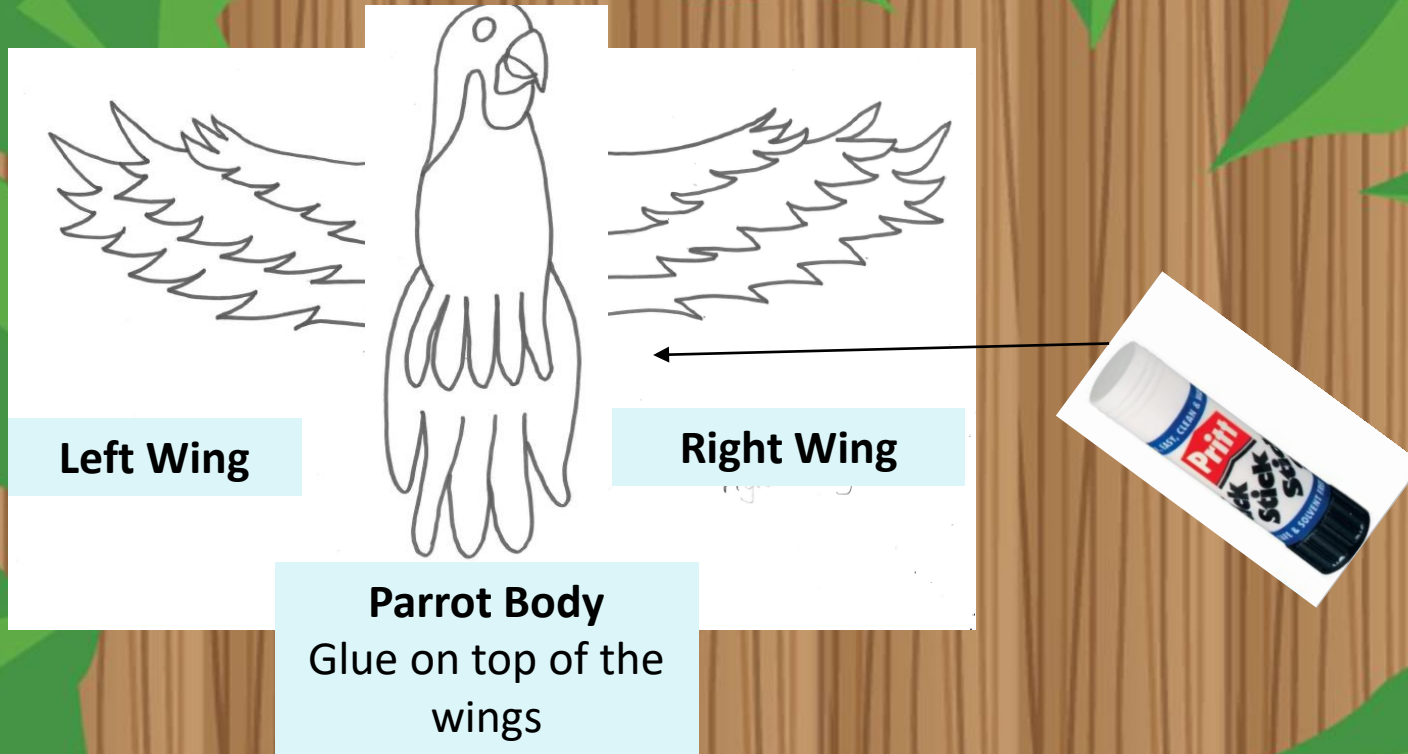


Right Wing

Step 1 – Print out the parrot body and cut around the shape carefully.

Step 2 – Print out both the left wing and the right wing. Put both sheets side by side and line up the parrot and glue it on top of the sheets in the middle. See next slide if unsure

A3 Version for home learning



Step 1 – Put both of the sheets together with the wings on.

Step 2 – Glue the parrot on top of the wings sheet, you may have to line up the parrot with the wings.

Alternative Ideas For Home Learning



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If you don't have access to a printer, watch the video and have a go at drawing your own. Click on the link to watch and find out more.

You could also have a go at a different design. Use other items that you maybe able to find in the home. Look a the pictures below for ideas.



Using scraps of paper



Using circles



Using card



Using a paper plate and feathers