

This is Ms. Susan from the Shorewood Public Library. Spring is coming and you may even hear the birds chirping outside your window. This week we will be making chirping birds for inside the house. You can even add a few blooming flowers to brighten those blue, rainy days. April showers can come and we will be using some simple shapes, and turning them into beautiful flower art. The beauty comes from all the colors and time that you spend creating something amazing to keep or share.



1-Begin by drawing simple circles, one in the middle of the paper and then more circles all around. Trace a bottle or a bowl you have around the house. You can make one large flower or many smaller ones. Then draw straight lines evenly across the page. You can draw one, two or many lines. Color each area between the lines a different color. You can make this a *color-by-number* or *letter* for younger children. Label each circle with a number or letter and assign a color to the numbers/letters. Remember to take your time, maybe spend 15 minutes each day and see your creation come alive over a whole week. Just like flowers, your picture will grow with the care that you give it.

2 – To make the birds, fold a piece of paper in half. On the fold, draw the body of the bird with a rounded belly. The rounder the belly area, the more rocking you will get, if you make a table decoration. Cut out and color if you are using white paper. Fold another piece of paper and draw the wing on the fold. This could even be the 3 end fingers on a small hand. Cut it out and attach to the top fold of the body. Fold a small strip in half for the beak. Draw a triangle with the point on the fold. Cut it out and attach to the body. Add the eyes and details. Maybe your bird has a worm. Cut out your flower for a “rocking bird” table decoration or hang on a string with the chirping birds.

Be hopeful, spring is coming!

Ms. Susan

