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EASY-TO-MAKE...

SPRING BIRDS COLLAGE CARDS

Have fun making the textured papers used in these spring cards.

You will need:

- Sheets of card in shades of grey, brown, beige or yellow
- Coloured card sheets, A3 or A4
- Paint/sand scrapers
- Paints (thicker paints work best)
- Wiggle eyes
- Scrap pieces of card to add details

Other things you'll need:

- Glue
- Scissors
- Pens



How to make it:

- 1 The first stage is to create your textured papers. These will make the textures of the wooden houses and the feathers of the birds.

Squeeze out a line of thick paint onto some grey, brown, beige or yellow card. Use a paint/sand scraper to move the paint, creating lines, squiggles and other patterns in the paint. Fill up the paper sheet with patterns, using different scrapers and paint colours. Leave your design to dry before moving to the next stage.

- 2 Once the paint is dry, cut shapes from the textured papers. Some templates are provided on page 2 of this instruction sheet.
- 3 Cut circles from scrap card to represent the bird house doorways. Then cut strips of card to make the bird house roofs. Cut small triangles from yellow card to make the birds' beaks.
- 4 Arrange the pieces on the table in front of you until you build a design you're happy with.
- 5 Fold a sheet of coloured card in half to make your card base. Carefully glue your design pieces in place on the card. Remember that some pieces will need to be glued first, for example the wooden house, and then the roof and doorway on top.
- 6 Finish by adding wiggle eyes to the birds. You can also use a pen to draw the birds' legs or other details and textures.

Make these cards to celebrate any spring occasion such as Mother's Day or Easter – or just for fun!

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Templates

