

ArtStream

Written Instructional Guide



Drawing Animals and Their Habitats

For K, 1st, and 2nd grade Students

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Lesson 2: Parrot – Flying in the Sky

Introduction

- Hi, I am Merideth Ferrell, I am a teaching artist with the Lane Arts Council
- In this lesson, we will be drawing and coloring our artwork in 4 steps:
 1. Draw the Parrot (flying in the sky)
 2. Design the Habitat (where the Parrot lives in Nature)
 3. Add Color and Texture to the Parrot
 4. Add Color and Texture to the Habitat



Materials

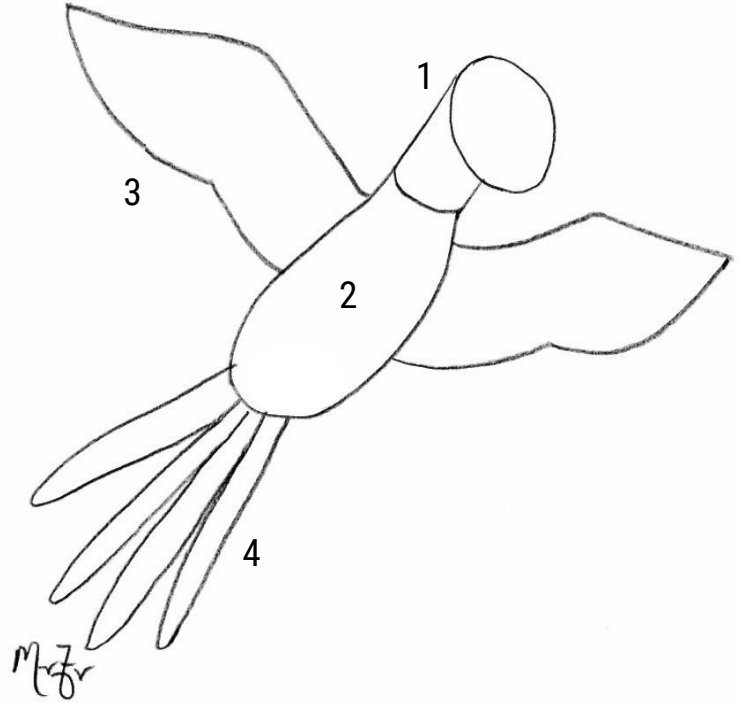
- White paper: 8 ½" copy paper, or bigger drawing paper
- Pencil
- Colored pencils: red, yellow, blue, green, orange, purple, brown, and black



Step 1: Draw the Parrot

Part A: We will draw each of our Parrot's body parts as they connect to each other. Think of the shape of each part before and as you draw.

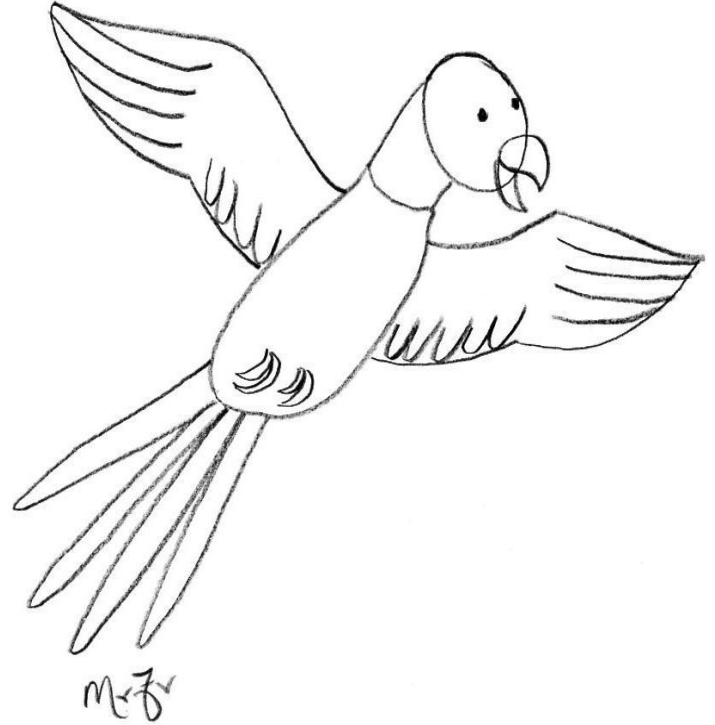
1. First, draw the Parrot's head, then its neck, connected to its head.
2. Next, draw its body, connected to the neck.
3. Now, draw the 2 flying wings, one on one side of the body, one on the other side. Each wing has 2 parts as it flaps in the air.
4. Then draw the long tail, connected to the back of the body



Step 1: Draw the Parrot (continued)

Part B: Add the details.

1. Draw 2 eyes in the middle of the head
2. Then, the big beak in 2 parts: The top of the beak, and the bottom of the beak
3. Next, draw the legs and feet, all curled up close to its body, while it flies.
4. Last, draw long wing feathers at the wing tips, then add small feathers on the inner wings.



Step 2: Design the Habitat

The **Habitat** is where the Parrot lives. For this Parrot, his habitat is in the Tropical Rainforest. To design your picture, you decide where to draw the things the Parrot would see, flying in the sky.

1. First, draw clouds.
2. Then draw treetops, with lots of big tropical leaves.
3. Next, add fruit growing on branches for the Parrot to eat.
4. Last, draw the raindrops.



Step 3: Add Color to the Parrot

Parrots are very colorful, so you can choose a different color for each body part.

1. First, color the head,
2. Then the beak, legs, and feet.
3. Next the neck. We color things and the way they grow.
4. Now, color the feathers as they grow down the body.
5. Then color each wing, and their long feathers, starting at the body, and coloring to the wing tips.
6. Last, pick different colors for the long tail feathers.

Don't forget to create textures as you color, using both long and short strokes to represent the direction and size of the feathers!



Step 4: Color the Habitat

Color all the things in the parrot's **habitat**, thinking about how things feel.

1. Color the big, tropical leaves in the treetops with long, smooth strokes, the way the leaves grow from one end to the other.
2. Color the fruit, leaving a little bit white to show the shine.
3. Color the clouds with puffy little circles.
4. Color the sky with long strokes across the whole sky, and even over the raindrops.

How do you use different drawing techniques to create texture?



Thank you!

Next in Drawing Animals and Their Habitats will be **Lesson 3: Sea Turtle – Swimming in the Water**

Now, take a look at your drawing, and see what you would like to add. You can add another kind of fruit growing in the treetops or add tropical flowers. Happy drawing!