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Florentijn Hofman



Introducing Messengers of Brisbane

Although conceived prior to the global COVID-19 outbreak, the artwork I developed for Brisbane Festival, *Messengers of Brisbane*, may be prophetic in its timing. This work breathes hope; hope for better days during the Festival and into the future. The distance of the works on rooftops and other high positions indicate aspiration and, at the same time, question our current situation of social distancing and what freedom means to every individual. The works give aim and direction in a time where creativity is paramount and the power of imagination must be relied upon to feel a flight synonymous to the bird. The beautiful bright colours, which mimic exactly those found in the natural plume of the Gouldian Finch, encourage people to also be colourful. The hat is a very important feature in this work. It is an extension of my practice where I've used it as a tool in many prior works. For me, it symbolises celebrating life, enjoying life and being positive, especially during this period, but it is also appropriate to all life situations. Being positive makes one live longer and with more quality. While birds in nature are very autonomous, here as large-scale temporary sculptures in Brisbane they will indicate connection and the arrival of a positive message.

Six giant Gouldian Finches will fly into Brisbane to spread messages of hope this September. Created by internationally renowned artist Florentijn Hofman and brought to life by Brisbane's Urban Art Projects, these spectacularly coloured birds invite us to look up and smile.

Perched atop iconic Brisbane locations in the inner-city river area, Messengers of Brisbane can be viewed on a leisurely stroll, bike ride, or even from a CityCat.

Learn more about this endangered species through workshops and activities at Queensland Museum and on our website @ brisbanefestival.com.au

Party Time

Difficulty / Easy
Time / 15 Minutes
Space / Indoors or Outdoors
Ages / 5+ (Parental guidance needed for steps that require a knife)

Materials needed/
Printer, paper,
scissors, string

Arguably, there's no better bird suited to a soiree than a Gouldian Finch. Also known as a Rainbow Finch, this conspicuous winged creature looks like a celebration. Adorned with plumage of glorious yellow, raucous red, svelte black and other striking hues, a Gouldian Finch would certainly make an entrance at any happy gathering. But in the current climate of social distancing, mingling is a rare occurrence. Take this opportunity to prepare yourself for a future of wonderful, intimate connection by designing the ultimate festive accessory – a unique party hat.



See an inspiring display of 20 live finches fly about an aviary at Queensland Museum to celebrate Brisbane Festival. You can also take a step back in time and get an extraordinary insight into John Gould and Elizabeth Gould's *The Birds of Australia*, a book not usually seen as a part of the museum's rare book collection. Make sure you visit during the festival. More information at qm.qld.gov.au

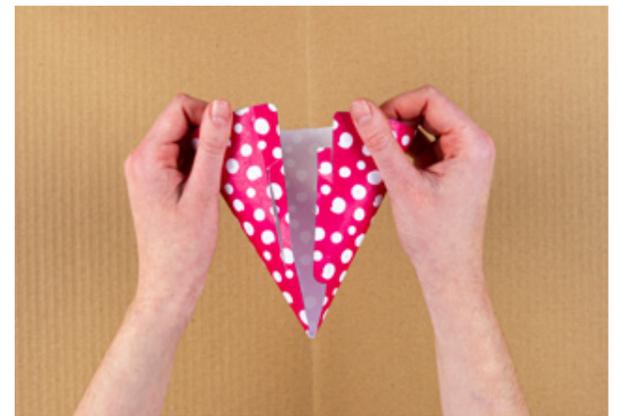
Step 1

Print template and cut along all of the solid lines. Don't forget the slit and the lines that create the tab.



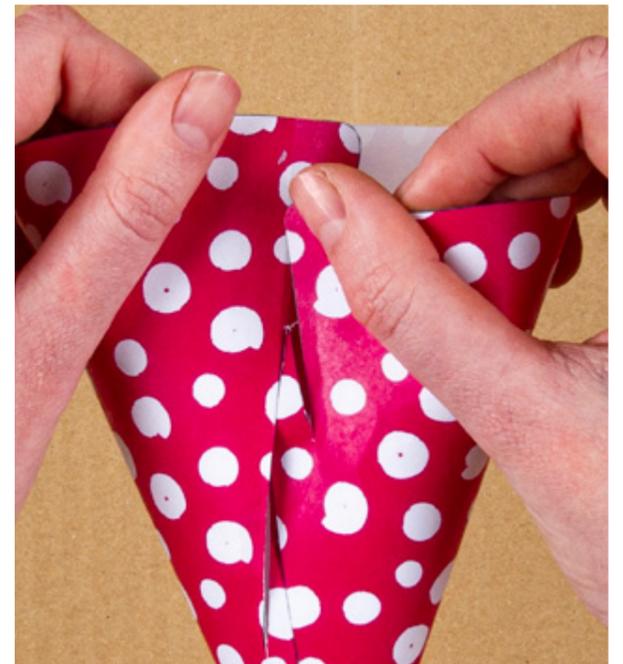
Step 2

Hold the hat printed side up and with the top/point of the hat pointing towards you and roll the two edges toward each other like you are buttoning up a shirt.



Step 3

Next starting with the edge furthest away from you (nearest to the bottom of the hat) slip the tab into the slot and then rotate inwards until the other end of the tab slides in. If it isn't quite working, you may need to make the cut on the side of the tab a bit longer.



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Step 4

Next punch a small hole where the two 'x's are marked, this will be the connection point for the string.



Step 5

Cut two pieces of string or ribbon roughly 400mm long and tie a small knot on one end of each piece. The pieces might be longer if you are an adult and slightly less if you are doing it for a little one.



Step 6

Feed the string through starting from the inside so it hides your knot and get your party on!



Alternate

Use the blank template provided to paint, colour or decorate your own. You can also get creative with the string used and what goes on top of the hat.



Hints

Using slightly thicker paper will last longer if you are planning on going out in the rain.



Printable Goodies

Print at full size on the best paper you have or if you don't have a printer no stress, just trace over the guides on the following pages with whatever you can find!

