

# ART

WEEK SIX



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### Mail by Pigeon

Did you know that some of the very first mail carriers on Catalina Island were pigeons? From 1894-1898 you could send a message overtown by attaching a small rolled note to one of Otto and Oswald Zahn's pigeons. The messenger pigeons left from right in front of the Metropole Hotel and flew to Los Angeles in about an hour.

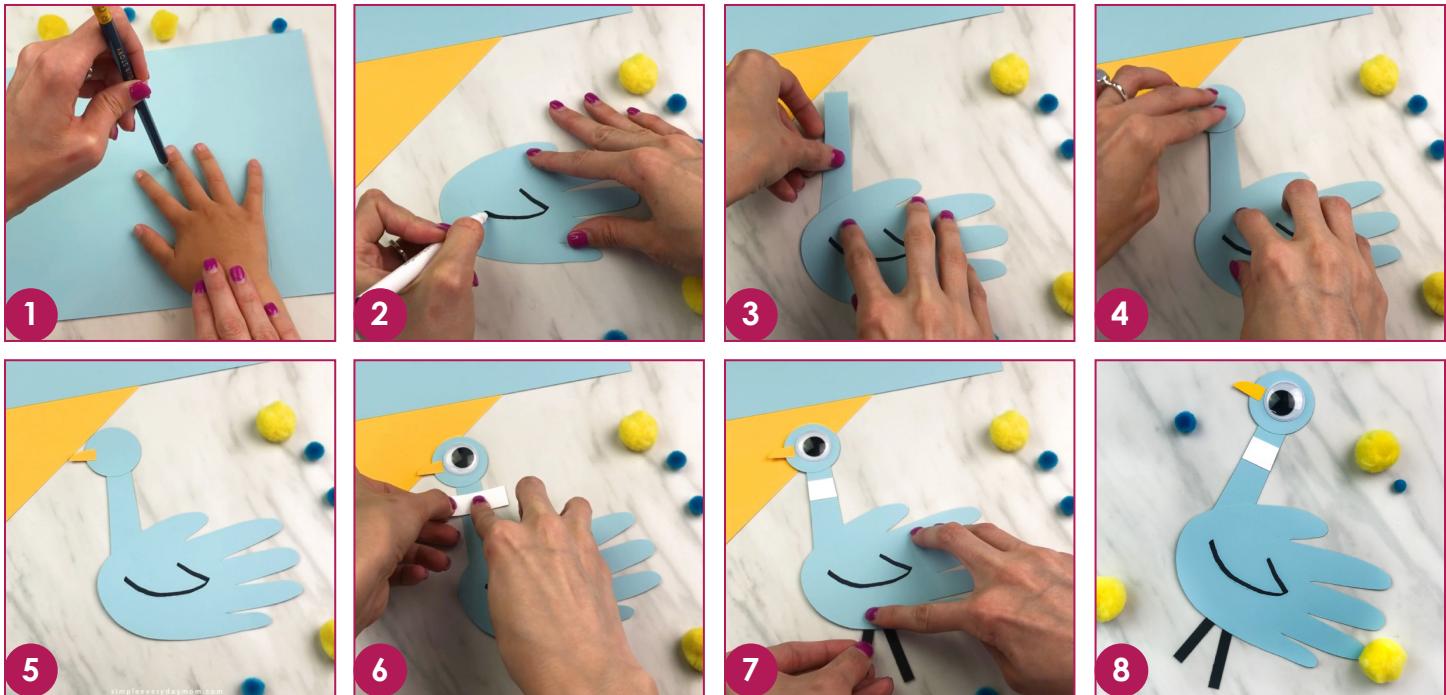
Send your own message to someone you care about with this week's project using the enclosed instructions and envelope. Post or email a photo of your finished pigeon and you will be entered into a raffle to **win a 3-D bird wall decoration kit!** Be sure to tag @catalinamuseum and use the hashtags #arttogocatalina #carrierpigeon. The winner will be announced next week Wednesday, January 20, 2021.



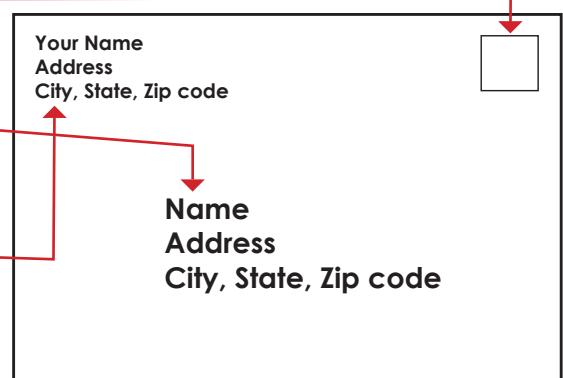
#### Art Kit Includes:

Colored paper (blue, black, white and yellow), white card stock, black stackable crayon, googly eye, paper ruler, glue stick, envelope and stamp. You will also need a pencil and scissors .

## Instructions:



1. Trace your hand onto the blue construction paper. Next, cut it out.
2. Position the handprint with the thumb up and the fingers facing to the right. Use the black stackable crayon to draw a simple wing in the middle of the handprint.
3. Cut out a long skinny strip (about 4" long by .75" wide, use the enclosed paper ruler to measure) from the blue construction paper. This will be the pigeon's neck. Assemble the pigeon by gluing the neck behind the handprint, close to the base of the hand.
4. Use scissors to cut out a 1.5" circle of the blue construction paper. (Use the paper ruler to measure.) This will be the pigeon's head. Glue the head to the top of the neck.
5. Cut out a small beak shape from the yellow construction paper. And glue it to the head so it is pointing away from the pigeon's body.
6. Stick the googly eye in the center of the head. Then cut a small rectangle (about .5" tall by 1.5" wide, use the paper ruler to measure) from the smallest piece of white paper in the kit. Lay it about .5" from the bottom of the head and glue it straight across. Cut off the extra white paper.
7. Using the black construction paper, cut out 2 skinny rectangles (about .25" wide by 2" tall, use the paper ruler to measure) for the legs. Glue the black legs to the bottom of the handprint.
8. Glue your finished pigeon onto the full sheet of white thick paper enclosed.
9. On the back write a message to someone you care about.
10. Place your pigeon and your message into the envelope.
11. Place a stamp in the top right corner of the envelope.
12. In the center of the envelope, write the name and address of the person you are sending the letter to.
13. And to make sure that if your letter does not reach the person you sent it to and the mail service has to return it to you, write your own address (called a return address) in the top left corner.



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