

Make your own window decal!

You can help birds by making your own bird friendly window decals that will help reduce window strikes!



What you'll need:

- Elmer's or other school glue
- A small paint brush
- A small cup or container for mixing
- Dish liquid
- A sheet protector or other smooth plastic surface to paint on
- Bird stencils or other pictures you'd like to paint (Audubon stencils can be found here https://ny.audubon.org/sites/default/files/window_clings_diy_bird_stencils.pdf)
- Markers

Making the Base:

1. Put about two tablespoons of glue in a small container. Add two or three drops of dish soap to the glue.
2. Mix the soap into the glue well with the paintbrush.

Making the Decal:

1. Decide what picture(s) you want to make.
2. Put the stencil inside the sheet protector or under your piece of plastic
3. Paint on the plastic over the picture with the mixture of glue and soap, carefully filling in the outside of the stencil. Make sure the glue is spread evenly. If it is thin or streaky you can add a second layer of glue.
4. Lay the glue painting aside to dry for at least two hours or overnight if possible.
5. When the glue painting is dry, color it with your markers.

Once you are done carefully remove the glue decal from the plastic sheet. Add the decal gently to the window. You can add as many decals to the window as you want! The more decals you have on a window, the less likely birds are to collide with it. You can make an entire window scene with birds, insects, plants