You will need:
- Construction paper or cardstock
- String, yarn or fishing line
- Glue
- Scissors
- Ruler

Optional:
- Wiggly eyes
- Stick

Directions:

1. Cut out a strip of construction paper or cardstock 11-12” (depending on your paper size) x 1” to 1 ½” (depending on how big you want your bird). Bring the ends together and glue about 2-3” together to make the body of the bird.

2. Cut out a 4” by whatever width (1” to 1 ½”) strip you used for the body and glue into a roll to make the bird’s head.

3. Glue the head onto the body.

4. Cut out a strip of a different color, 6” by a width slightly less than the width of the body. Cut 2” off one end of that strip. Round off one end of the 2” piece and glue to underside of the head. Either round off or make a V shape on one end of the other strip and glue to the underside of the body.

5. Shape the end of the tail, either a scallop edge or a V shape.
6. Fold a 6” x 6” piece of construction paper in half. Draw out a wing shape and cut out so you now have 2 identical wings. Glue to the underside of the back of the bird.

7. Fold a small piece of whatever color paper you want your bird’s beak to be in half and cut out a triangle at the fold. Glue to the head.

8. Either glue on wiggly eyes, draw on eyes or make eyes our of paper and glue on.

9. With the point of your scissors make a small hole in the back of the bird between the wings. Make the hole just large enough for your string or yarn to go through. Push your string/yarn through the hole and tie a large knot on the end to keep the string from pulling through.

10. Tie a loop on the other end of the string and hang your bird.

11. Or make several birds and tie them to a stick to make a bird mobile! You will have to vary the lengths of each birds’ string to balance the stick. Tie a 2’ length of string to one end of the stick and tie the other end of the string to the opposite end of the stick so you can hang your mobile.

12. Show us your flock of birds on our Facebook page “Adventures in EdZOOcation” or tag the North Carolina Zoo at #NCZOO or #NCZOOED.