



## **The National Archives 2020 Virtual Fourth of July Craft Activities**

### *PATRIOTIC WINDSOCK*

#### **MATERIALS NEEDED:**

- A cylindrical cardboard oatmeal box (a coffee can will work too)
- Construction paper (blue and white)
- Red and white crepe paper streamers
- Supplied sheet of patriotic symbols
- Glue
- String
- Scissors
- Hole punch

**INSTRUCTIONS (Please note - these activities include working with sharp objects. Creation of crafts should only be done in the supervision of adults.)**

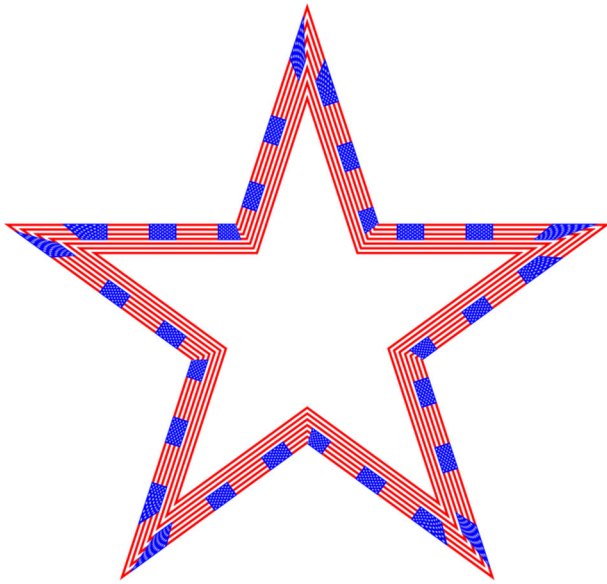
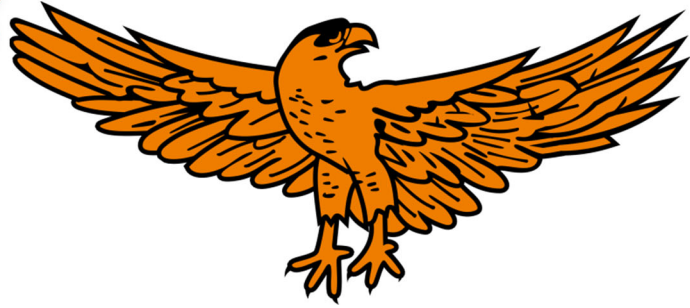
1. Cut the bottom off a cylindrical cardboard oatmeal box.
2. Cover the box with blue construction paper, and then glue on white construction paper stars. You can also add some of the supplied patriotic symbols.
3. Cut some red and white crepe paper streamers, and glue or staple them to one end of the wind sock.
4. Punch four holes along the top of the windsock.
5. Cut two pieces of string about a foot long. Tie the strings to the wind sock (tie the opposite ends of a string to holes on opposite sides of the cylinder).
6. Tie a longer piece of string to the smaller pieces - you'll hang the windsock from this piece of string.
7. Hang your patriotic windsock from your window or porch.

# PATRIOTIC SYMBOLS



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# QUILL PEN AND INK

## MATERIALS NEEDED:

### PEN

- Large wing feathers (A pack of plain turkey or goose quill feathers can be purchased at craft stores). Try to find feathers that are about 12 inches long or more, with a thick shaft.
- A sharp knife to cut the correct angle on the feather shaft
- Cutting board
- Marker
- Tweezers

### INK

- Use 1/2 cup fresh berries or thawed frozen berries
- Wash them through a strainer so that you get pulp-free juice.
- Add 1/2 teaspoon of vinegar (to hold color) and 1/2 teaspoon salt (as a preservative) and mix well.
- You can use a glass baby-food jar as your “inkwell,” if you have one.

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1. Select your feather. You need a feather long enough to hold comfortably, with a sturdy shaft (the spine of the feather). You can leave the feather as is, or trim the sides of the feather for several inches, to leave more room for a better grip.
2. Follow the natural curve of the feather. You want your writing point to aim downward.
3. Take your marker and make a dot at the point where you'd like the writing tip to be. Place your marked feather on a cutting board. With a sharp knife, cut the end of the quill at a slant less than 45 degrees.
4. Take the tweezers and clean out any materials left in the cut shaft.
5. Dip your new quill pen into your ink.
6. Have fun writing with your new pen!