

# Wetlands Habitat

FLAMINGO CRAFT



#### **Materials:**

- Cardboard or stiff paper of any kind (ex. Reuse a cardboard box from a delivery, shoebox, paper plate, etc.)
- Scissors
- A black marker, crayon, pen (for coloring)
- Any pink items you can find! Look around the house for pink markers, paint, paper, crayons, highlighters, and various items.
  Post-it notes, cupcake liners, bubble wrap (colored pink with a marker) and synthetic feathers are shown in the picture. Other ideas include pink fabric, hair accessories, pink flowers you can find outside, or reused packaging materials.
  - If you are struggling to find pink items for decorating, that's okay! There are many other species of birds in a wetland besides the flamingo, so decorate your craft like a stork, crane, heron or egret!
- Glue or tape
- Pencil



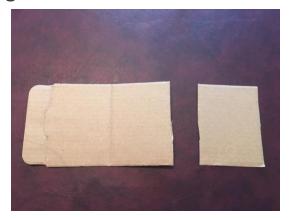
#### Steps:

 Gather your materials! Part of the fun of this craft is searching the house for pink items, so get creative and see what you can come up with! Do your best to reuse items – give something a

new purpose.



2. Cut apart cardboard pieces large enough to make the body, and long enough to make the neck





#### Steps:

Trace out the shape of the flamingo body, then cut out your shape





4. On the bottom of your flamingo body, cut out two holes large enough for your fingers to fit through. You may need to use a knife for this step, so please ask an adult to help you.





### **Steps:**

5. Next, trace out the shape of the flamingo head, beak, and neck. Cut out your shape









#### **Steps:**

6. It's time to turn this flamingo PINK! You can color the cardboard pink with a marker, paint it, or glue paper or fabric down to cover it – use whatever materials you have on hand. Don't forget the beak and eye!



7. Attach the neck to the body using glue or tape.





#### Steps:

8. Here's where you can get really creative – time to give this flamingo wings! Attach whatever items you have to make a wing. Below are a few examples using different materials (cupcake liners, pink colored bubble wrap, and synthetic feathers)









#### Done!

