



# Albatross Flyer

Albatrosses are excellent gliders and can spend months flying over the ocean. With a wingspan of up to 11.5 feet, these birds are so large they need to take a running start to take flight. Craft your own albatross, then hang it in a window to see if it catches a breeze. Where will your albatross fly?

## Materials

Tape  
Scissors  
Printed albatross template (page 2)  
Crayons or colored pencils (optional)  
String (optional)

## Directions

1. **Print** the albatross template on page 2.
2. **Fold** the paper in half at the dotted line, then **cut** along the solid line to cut out the wings.
3. **Unfold** the paper and **cut out** the outline of the albatross body and tail.
4. **Cut** the solid lines to create slots for the wings and the tail to attach to the body.
5. **Color** each side of the albatross as desired.
6. **Assemble** the albatross by inserting the wings into the body and pushing the tail into the slit at the end of the body. **Tape** to hold the pieces in place as needed.
7. **Hang** your albatross using a piece of string. Pull the string through the wing slit and tie a loop.
8. *Challenge:* Use the extra paper to **design** new wings or **add** extra feathers to your tail.





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