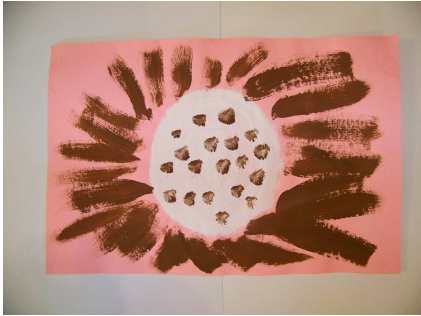
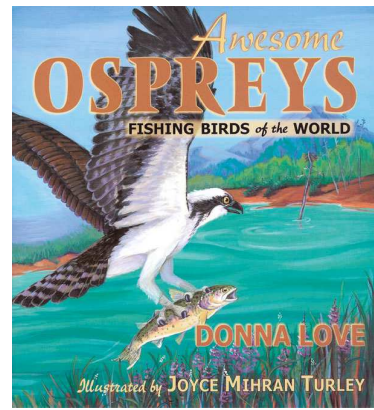


# Awesome Art Projects © for Awesome Ospreys, Fishing Birds of the World!

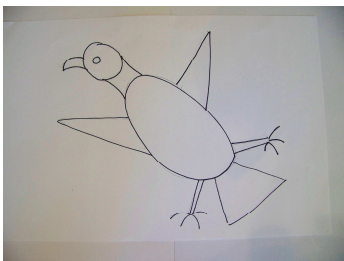
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**Preschool** students center items in the middle of the page. Let each student paint one large, white osprey egg on any color construction paper. Have them dot brown speckles on the egg. Then show them how to paint a nest around the egg using broad strokes for the sticks.

Hint: Only give them one color at a time and a clean brush!

**Kindergarten** can paint three eggs in a nest. Have students paint three white ovals on any color construction paper. Let them add pink dots to the eggs. Give students brown to complete the nest. Hint: Once again, only give them one color at a time with a clean brush each time.



**First Grade** can draw a flying osprey using simple shapes such as an oval, triangle and circle. Then paint a white chest, legs and belly, brown wings, head and tail. Have them add white stripes to the underside of wings and tail. With a smaller brush add black eye, beak and talons. – One color and one step at a time!

**Second Grade** can paint a perching osprey! Have students begin by drawing an oval around their hand in the center of the page. Add a circle for the head. Then add an eye stripe, feathers on back of head, beak, tail, wings, talons and perch. Paint white head, chest and tail. Paint yellow eye. Paint brown eye stripe, wings, stripes on tail and speckles on chest. Paint black beak and talons. Give them one color at a time. When completed, allow students to mix the white, yellow, brown and black to paint the perch.





**Third Grade** enjoys painting a flying osprey carrying a fish. Work through the process with them one step at a time. 1) Trace circle around hand just below the center of page. Before drawing, check hand placement. 2) Trace thumb for the neck and head. 3) Trace three fingers to make a tail. 4) Draw a swooping line upward from osprey's shoulder to make the front of wing. 5) Trace four fingers to make tips of wing. 6) Scallop downward to meet the osprey's body. 7) Draw a line from back of front wing off the paper. 8) Scallop edges of that wing to the osprey's body. 9) Add legs that are bent backwards. 10) Draw a fish in the bird's talons. Then Paint – give students only one color at a time – white, brown, yellow, and black. Let them choose the color of the fish.

**Any grade** loves an osprey mask with feathers! To begin, cut an inexpensive paper plate in half. Use a hole punch to punch holes in the bottom edge on each side to attach rubber bands to hold the mask on student's head.

Color mask with brown markers or crayons. Add yellow eyes out of construction paper or use shiny yellow beads. Cut a black triangle for the beak. To make the beak stick out, fold the shortest two corners over and staple or glue to mask. Decorate with white and brown feathers.



**Fourth Grade** will enjoy painting healthy osprey habitat. After showing students several photos of osprey nests and talking about what makes good habitat for an osprey, have students draw a scene with an osprey nest in it. Did their painting include a tall tree for the nest and a lake or river for the osprey to fish in?

For fun, let students draw and paint their scene on a heavy-duty large oval paper plate. For a frame, glue small pinecones, pine needles, leaves, moss, sticks or grass around the outside edge to show the great outdoors.

Donna Love© But you may use these projects for any educational purpose.



5<sup>th</sup> grade and up will enjoy making watercolor osprey silhouettes.

To start, have students tape watercolor paper down to their desks with masking tape. Make sure the tape completely surrounds paper to hold the paper down and keep it from curling as it dries. Next, have them paint stripes across the paper using two or three sunset watercolor colors. Let it dry completely before pulling off tape. Overnight works best.

Next, have students draw an osprey flying, sitting on a perch, or in a nest. Have them cut the drawing out and trace onto black construction paper, which is pre-cut to the same size as the watercolor paper.

When watercolor sunset is dry, have students glue their osprey design onto the watercolor sunset. If they didn't attach a black construction paper frame to their osprey silhouette, they can add a black construction paper frame at this time and glue it down to watercolor sunset.



Another fun way to make a sunset is by using Art tissue paper! Cut watercolor paper to size. Then dip strips of sunset colored tissue paper in laundry starch and place on the watercolor paper in any pattern. Remove immediately. The wet tissue paper leaves its color on the paper. Let dry and complete as above.