

# Winter Cardinal



This cardinal project is super cute and extremely easy, perfect for whatever youngsters you may be trying to entertain on a cold day!

**All you need is:**

Cardinal template (included here)

9x12 in. construction paper in blue, red, and brown

Pencil

Scissors

Glue bottle

Black crayon

Small piece of orange paper (orange crayon will work too)

Glitter (optional)

**All you have to do is:**

Print the “Cardinal body and wing” template. Cut out the pieces and trace onto the red construction paper (if you have the equipment, simply copy the template directly onto the red paper). Have the kids cut out the pieces of the cardinal’s body.

Take the brown construction paper and a scissors. Cut a somewhat “jagged” line across the bottom of the paper (lengthwise so that the brown strip will fit perfectly across the blue paper). This will be the branch the cardinal is sitting on. Cut another small brown strip to be a smaller branch of the tree.

Glue down the long brown strip towards the bottom of the blue paper. Glue the smaller brown branch down as well. Glue cardinal

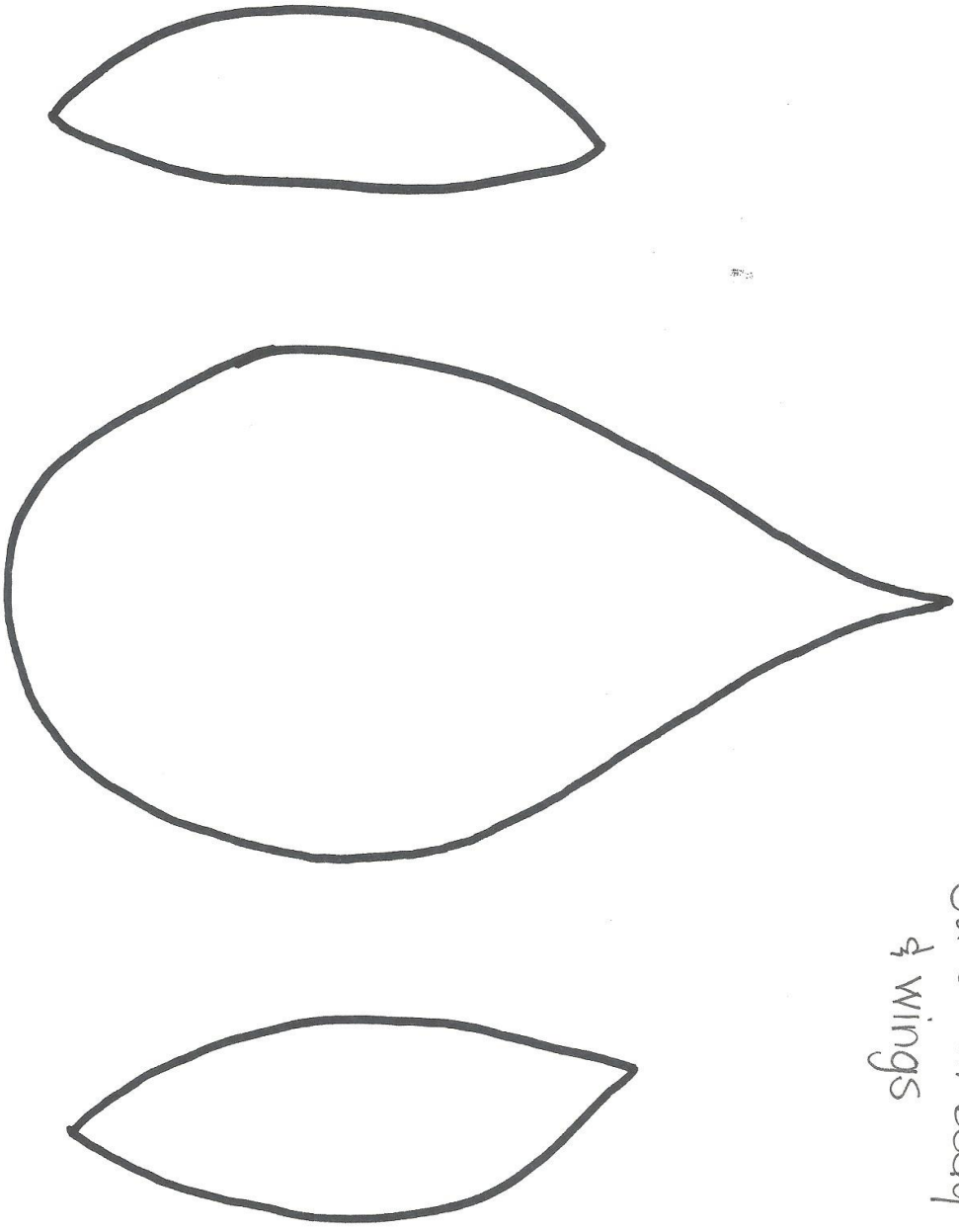
body right above the branch. Glue the wings onto the side of the cardinal's body.

With the black crayon, draw the cardinal's feet on the branch, make an upside down "V" with another line in the middle. Repeat for the other foot. Draw eyes at the top of the cardinal's body.

Cut the corner of the small orange paper so that you have a small triangle for the beak. Glue below the eyes. If you did not have orange paper, draw the beak with an orange crayon instead.

Optional: Put drops of glue around the background of the paper and small lines along the branch where snow might stick. Cover the wet glue with glitter. Shake paper over garbage can to remove excess glitter. Allow to dry. Enjoy the sparkle!





Cardinal body  
& wings

