

**IIK: "Exploring My City Through Art"**  
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**Lesson 1:** Watercolor Audubon Birds  
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### **Watercolor Audubon Birds**

<b>Paint</b>	Red, Yellow, Blue, Black, White
<b>Paint brushes</b>	Large, Medium, Small
<b>Palette</b>	To mix paint
<b>Water container</b>	Old plastic container
<b>Pencil, Eraser, Ruler</b>	For drawing grid & sketching
<b>Watercolor paper</b>	8"x10 or larger

***\*\* First watch the 2 short videos by Allie Copeland the Curator from The New Bedford Free Public Library on John James Audubon & his 'Birds of America'***

#### **Then Follow Video with me on Watercolor Audubon Birds.**

*(I used the "Brown Pelican" which is included in your art kit but you can choose any Audubon bird image you would like to paint - however I strongly recommend you choose an image that has just one large bird and not several as to not confuse or overwhelm you)*

**Step 1:** Fold your black & White copy of an Audubon Bird into a grid of 8 equal sections. Your colored copy should stay unfolded and used as a color reference later when painting the bird.

**Step 2:** Then using your pencil and ruler draw the same grid onto your watercolor paper (you will be painting on). The black & white copy of your bird and your watercolor paper should have the same exact grid of 8 equal sections.

**Step 3:** Using the grid to guide you, Copy and draw all of the lines and shapes within each grid until it adds up to the entire drawing of your bird. Pay very close attention to each individual grid section at a time.

**Step 4:** Follow carefully my watercolor painting techniques of mixing a wash and applying the paint in thin layers.

**Step 5:** After you have completed the painting you can try to erase any existing pencil lines. It is ok if you cannot get rid of all of your sketch lines (So remember to draw lightly when sketching).