



Tūi Creations

Te Tangi a Te Tūi Inspired Art Project

This August, Baycourt Community & Arts Centre is thrilled to host **Te Tangi a Te Tūi**—a world-class te reo Māori circus theatre experience—on stage in the Addison Theatre.

To celebrate and support this incredible show, Baycourt and Toi Tauranga Art Gallery have teamed up to offer a special **Te Tangi a Te Tūi** inspired art project.

About the Show

The Tūi soaks up the world around it and responds in song. Though beautiful, its tune is now a faint echo of what it once was when Aotearoa was blanketed in the ngāhere, flutes of patupaiarehe filled the trees and Māori alone walked gently upon their mother.

Te Tangi a Te Tūi is an allegory for the past and future of te reo Māori; telling a story of loss that te reo Māori narrowly avoided and the journey young people now face to bring the reo back to their family lines.

About the Art Project

We'd love for you to create a piece of art inspired by the show! This is your chance to engage with its themes, explore your creativity, and connect with the kaupapa.

As part of this special project, you'll be making your own tūi. Your works of art, along with those from all across Tauranga, will come together to form a spectacular flock displayed in the Baycourt Foyer. Your tūi will be seen by the entire audience—making you a part of the creative experience in a whole new way!

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Drop off your tūi

Once you've finished your beautiful piece of art please deliver it to Baycourt Community & Arts Centre, 38 Durham Street, Tauranga, sometime between Monday 28 Jul and Fri 01 August, 10am–4pm.

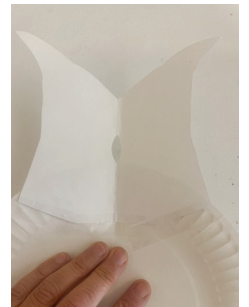
Share Your Art

We'd love it if you took a photo or video of your tūi and share it on social media. Remember to tag Toi Tauranga Art Gallery @taurangaartgallery and Baycourt @baycourt.tauranga so we can reshare your amazing mahi.

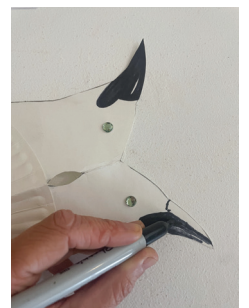
- 01** Hold your plate right side up and fold in half towards you to create the bird's body.



- 02** Using the head template, trace this onto white card and cut it out. Now open out the plate and turn it over, attach the head to the inside of the plate using glue and Sellotape around the edges.



- 03** Stick on your jeweled eyes and colour the beak with Sharpie or felt tip.



- 04** Mark different coloured feathered areas on the body with a pencil — you could use the line drawing guide to help you.



- 05** Colour the head and body. You could use something like pastel, paint or water colour pencil — see reference photos in the pack provided. Try to use the colour in the direction the feathers are growing to make it look more realistic. You could use traditional tūi colouring or your own combination. Another tip to making your bird look realistic is to try and cover all the white of the plate.



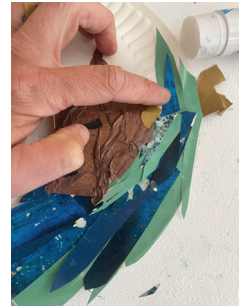
- 06** Fold a second plate, line the template up with one side of the plate and trace and cut the wings.



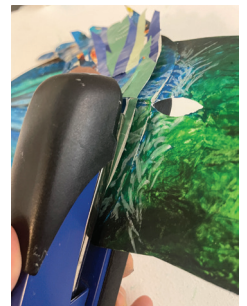
07 Can you think about the show you're going to see, Te Tangi a Te Tūi, and its ideas about lost and regained identity? You could use this opportunity to write something under your tūi's wing(s) about what identity means to you —perhaps your own identity or that of your community.



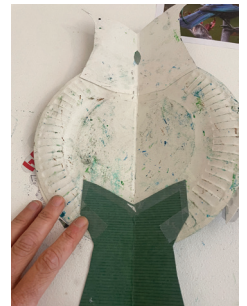
08 Collage the top of the wings with coloured papers, specialty papers and magazines to look like feathers.



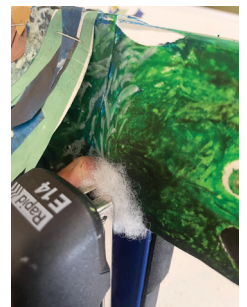
09 Place your wings over the body and staple the wings to the body up near the neck.



10 Using the tail template trace onto coloured card, cut and attach the tail to the underside of the body using glue and Sellotape around the edges like you did with the head.



11 Roll a small piece off fluff into a ball and staple under your Tui's chin.



Kua mutu, you're all done!

