

Write or draw an imagined story inspired by *The Theft*.



Prompts to ponder:

- 🗝️ Why does the bird have the key?
- 🗝️ What is the chain attached to?
- 🗝️ What is the setting?

Activity Guide

Birds in Art



The Rule of Threes

Composition in art and literature is often structured in threes. Three subjects are pleasing to the eye and three characters create interesting narratives. The legendary seventeenth century Musketeers of the Guard – Athos, Porthos, and Aramis – are suggested in this painting.

Using the key, decode the Latin phrase that roughly translates as “Everything that comes in threes is perfect.”

Timothy David Mayhew, *And One for All*, 2019, oil on Belgian linen on panel

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Baby Bird Word

It's sensible that a baby owl is called an owlet and a baby goose is a gosling. Other young birds are more creatively named. For example, the young male turkey is a jake.



John T. Sharp, *Mallard & Young*, 2018, black walnut

Draw lines to connect the adult bird with its young.

ADULT BIRD

swan

guinea fowl

puffin

falcon

grouse

crane

loon

YOUNG BIRD

puffling

eyas

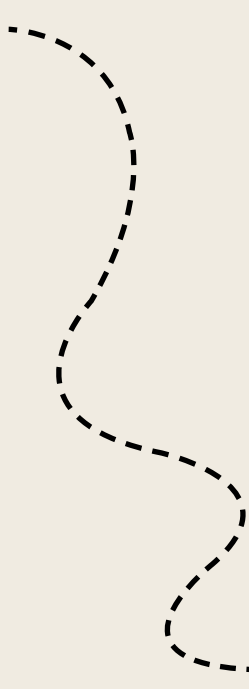
squealer

loonlet

colt

keet

cygnet



Need help? At the Museum, check with the Visitor Services staff. At home or school, use a dictionary or try an internet search for names of baby birds.

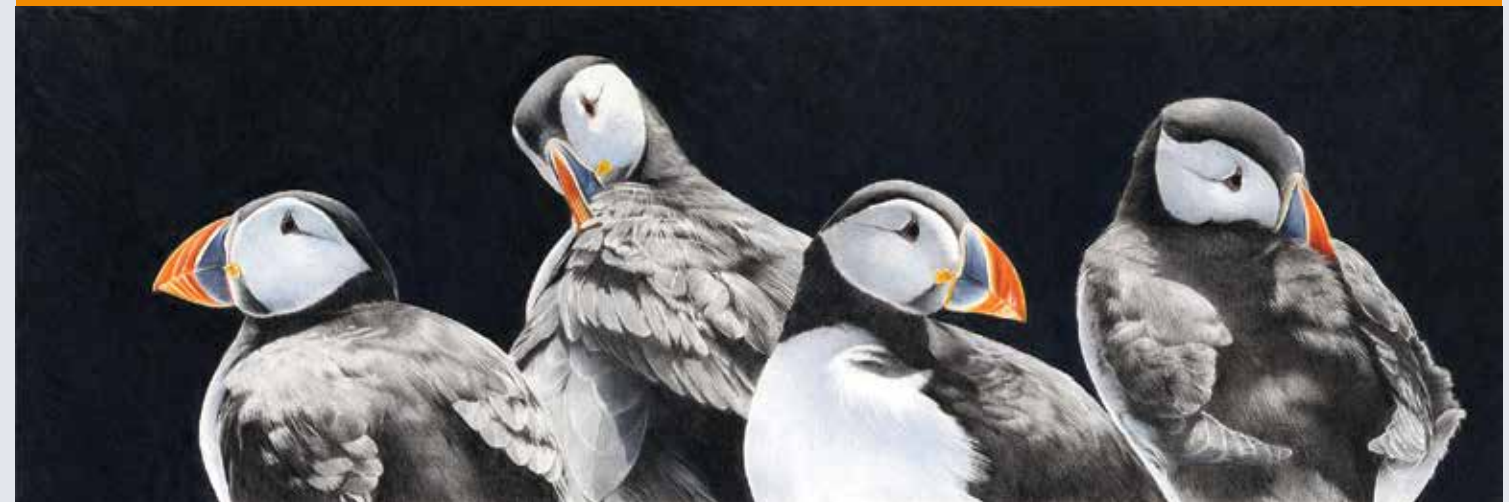
Indoor Bird Sketching

To draw a bird, first think about simple shapes: circles, ovals, and triangles. Follow these directions to draw a feathered friend.

1. Sketch the basic shapes.
2. Add details, such as an eye, beak, and feet. Add outlines to complete the bird.
3. Add shading or coloring.



To learn more, check out 2019 *Birds in Art* Master Artist Alan Woollett's book, *Bird Art: Drawing Birds Using Graphite & Coloured Pencil*, Search Press Limited, 2017.



Alan Woollett, *Puffins*, 2018, Faber-Castell Polychromos pencil on Fabriano Artistico hot press paper