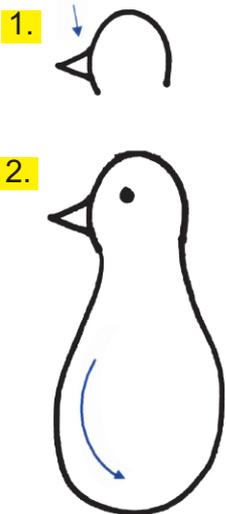


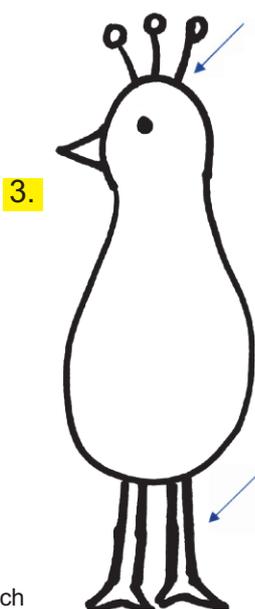
# Let's Make It!

## Pretty as a Peacock!

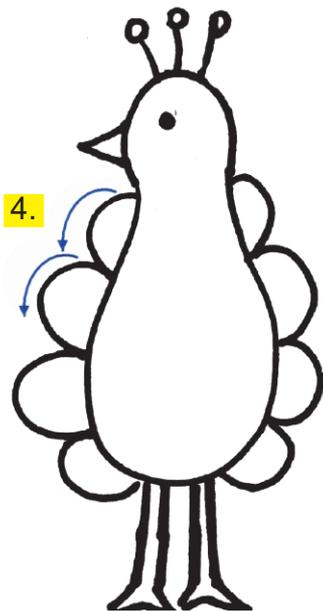


Step 1 - Draw a small arch shape. Add a triangle for the beak and a dot for the eye.

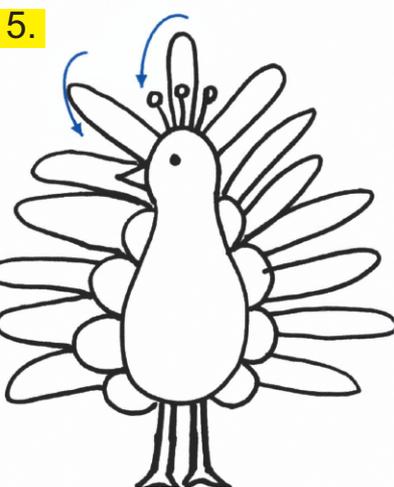
Step 2 - The body is a long "U" shape. Draw as shown.



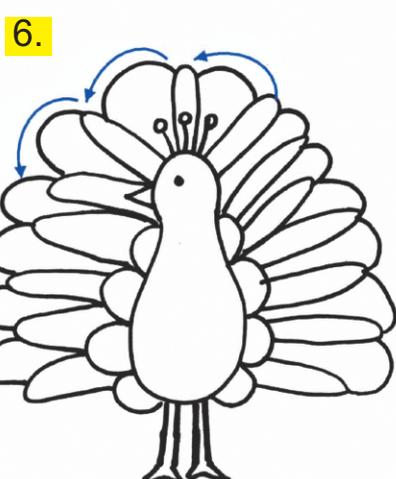
Step 3 - Add a crown to the head. Draw legs and feet as shown.



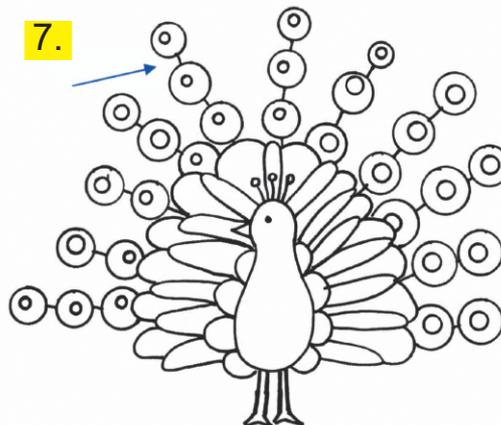
Step 4 - Draw "C" shapes around the body creating a flower effect.



Step 5 - Draw "U" shapes behind the bird to build the tail.



Step 6 - Add more "U" shapes behind the first row to create a fuller tail.



Step 7 - To finish the beautiful tail, add circles by tracing a small cap or hand draw them. The circles are stacked by two and three in a row. Draw a connecting line between the stacked circles to create a long feather. Add a smaller circle in each larger circle to make what is known as the "eyes" on the feathers. Now color in your peacock with crayons, colored pencils, markers or paint.

At times the rain seems to dampen our day, but the beautiful peacock loves to dance in the rain with its fabulous tail spread out behind it. The peacock is one of the most beautiful birds in the world and has been loved by many cultures over the last 3000 years. In recent times, the peacock was anointed as the national bird of India where it is thought to have come from.

Have you ever heard the expression 'proud as a peacock'? We say this when we see a person who seems to be strutting around as a peacock does; arrogant and self-centered.

Although the word peacock is used for both the male and the female bird, it is really only the name for the male peafowl. The peacock is recognized by his long, green iridescent tail that it spreads out like a fan. The female, in contrast, is a dull brown and white and is called a peahen. The cute baby peafowl is called a peachick.

The peafowl are a very social bird and like to be with their families. In the wild they can live to be 20 years old and up to 40 years old in captivity. They can fly, but usually stay close to the ground which makes it easy to watch and enjoy the beautiful peacock.

