When warm weather returns to Massachusetts, it’s time to start watching for migrating birds and to observe our year-round feathered friends prepare for rearing their young. Our state is home to a great variety of songbirds, waterfowl, and other species that you may be able to spot while out walking or watching from your window. With spring well on its way, the local bird population is building nests, preparing to raise chicks, and foraging for food in our backyards. With an egg carton and some paints, you can create a pair of fun and creative birdnoculars to use as adornment and for focusing your attention when watching the birds in your backyard and beyond.

**SUPPLIES**
- Egg carton
- Paint or markers
- Cardboard scraps
- Glue

**INSTRUCTIONS**

**Step 1:** Remove the lid and latch from your egg carton. You only need the base for this project.

**Step 2:** Cut across the carton removing the first two egg cups, including the raised center point between them. The point will create the beak of the bird and the egg cups the eyes.

**Step 3:** Carefully poke through and cut out the bottom circle of the egg cups to create lenses to look through.

**Step 4:** Paint or color the egg carton with the feathers and markings of your favorite bird. Use cardboard scraps to add details and dimension to your birdnoculars. How does wearing your birdnoculars change what you see?

To watch this process visit youtube.com/PeabodyEssexMuseum

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