



Massachusetts Bluebird Day July 19

These tin bluebird signs were issued by the Massachusetts Woman Suffrage Association in the summer of 1915 to support a state referendum to give Massachusetts women the vote. On July 19, 1915, “Suffrage Bluebird Day,” approximately 100,000 bluebirds were pinned up around the state. The tin signs were approximately 12 inches tall by 4 inches wide. When male voters in Massachusetts went to the polls on November 2, 1915, they soundly defeated the referendum. Massachusetts women did not get the right to vote until the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified in 1920.



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About MA Women's History Center

Suffrage100MA originated in 2010 and was dedicated to commemorating the 100th anniversary of the adoption of the 19th Amendment, which prohibits the federal and state governments from denying citizens the right to vote on the basis of sex. We strived to share the history of the 72-year suffrage struggle by thousands of suffragists, including the tireless work and essential contributions of women of color who were often excluded by white women's suffrage organizations, and whose role in the suffrage movement has been largely overlooked. We highlighted that while the 19th Amendment did not discriminate, other laws prevented many from voting, including Black, Native American, and Asian American communities, who would not receive enfranchisement until after the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and other crucial legal victories. Our goal was to inspire the public and future generations to appreciate and exercise their right to vote, and to pay attention to changes and challenges to voting rights.

On March 22, 2024, Suffrage100MA became the (virtual at first) Massachusetts Women's History Center (MWHC) with its flagship program: the Massachusetts Women's Hall of Fame (MWHOF)! The MWHC builds on Suffrage100MA's work telling the inclusive stories of the suffragists and expanding to share inspiring historical and educational information about the important contributions and challenges endured by Massachusetts women and other gender identities subjected to restrictive women's laws, of all backgrounds over the centuries, and of major milestones in MA women's history. The MWHC celebrates the broad diversity of activists in the legacy of women's rights, spanning a wide range of racial, ethnic, and gender identities and socioeconomic status.

A goal is to amplify this history and to advance civics education for current and future generations. The virtual MWHC provides a new collection of exhibits, articles and biographies. The upcoming MWHOF will honor Massachusetts women, past and present, who have made a profound impact. Please see our new website www.MAWomensHistory.org to learn more!

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1. Draw a slanted teardrop shape.



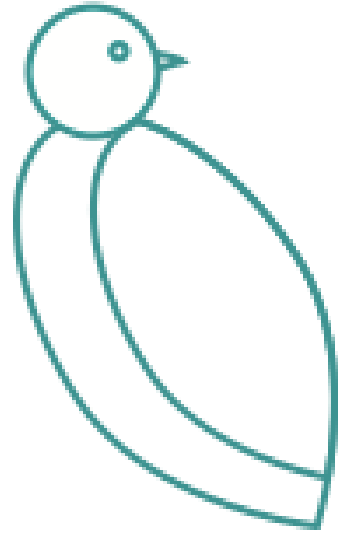
2. Draw the wing by adding a curved line.



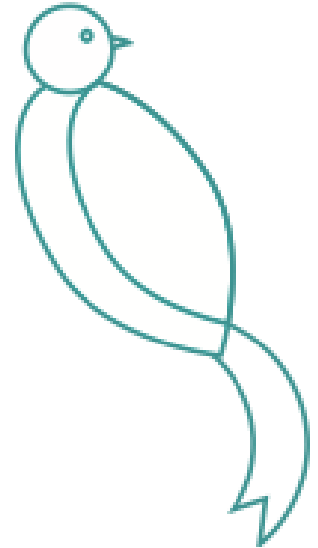
3. Add a circle for the head.



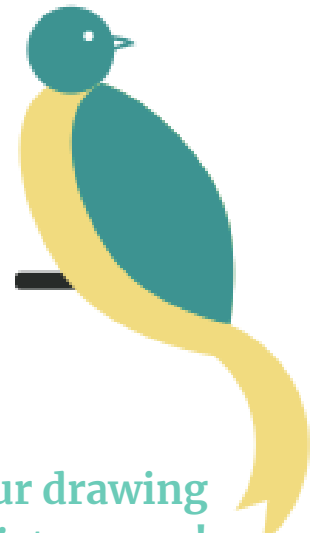
4. Add the face.



5. Draw a ribbon shape for the tail.



6. Color your bluebird!



7. Send us a picture of your drawing
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