

BIRD THEMED WOOD SIGNS



HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED

- Wood for Signs (See step 3 for details)
- Adhesive Vinyl in Spring Colors
- MDF Bird Cutout
- Transfer Tape
- Weeding Tool
- Scraper
- White Paint and a Brush
- Wood Glue
- Glue Gun and Glue
- Spanish Moss
- Electronic cutter (Cricut, Silhouette or other cutter)
- Cut File – **Advice from a Bluebird BA2167** (available for free in my [resource library](#))

HERE'S WHAT YOU DO

STEP 1: DOWNLOAD THE FREE SVG FILE

The first thing you'll need to do is get the free SVG file you'll use for this project. I keep all the SVG files I use for the projects I make in my SVG Library. These SVG files work with Cricut and Silhouette machines, as well as many others. This library is open to everyone and is free! You can access the [library here](#). Look for the file called **Advice from a Bluebird BA2167**. It will be listed under the Spring category.

STEP 2: CUT AND TAPE VINYL DESIGN

Open the design in your software program and resize it to fit your wood sign. My sign measures about 5" across, so I resized the design to 4.75" wide. You can add registration marks to the design to make layering easy. Cut the design out of 5 different colors of vinyl.

Remove the vinyl from your cutting mat and trim off any unused vinyl. Weed away the excess vinyl from around the design.



Use the weeding tool to help remove the excess vinyl from inside the letters and shapes. Make sure the registration marks stay in place.



Weed all 5 colors of vinyl.



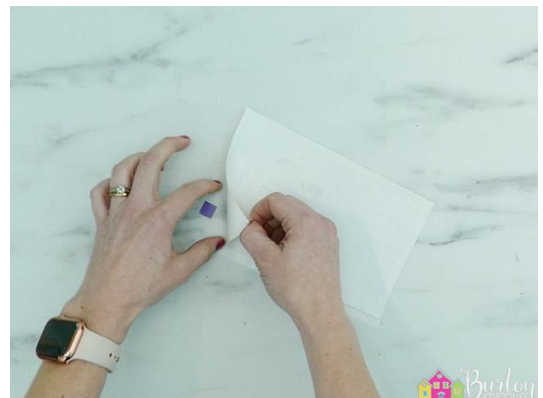
Cut a piece of transfer tape a little larger than the entire design and place it sticky-side up on your surface. Then place one of the layers on top (for this design, it doesn't matter which layer you do first).



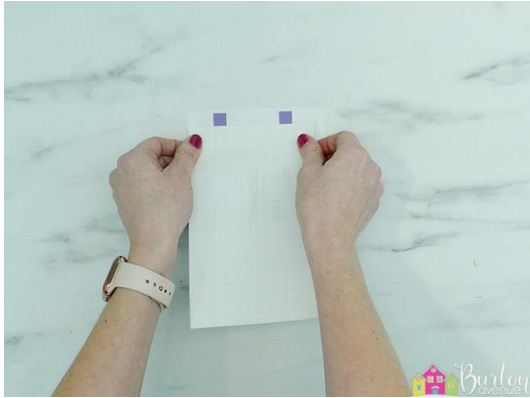
Rub over the design firmly with your scraper tool.



Flip over the vinyl and pull off the backing.



Replace the backing, but leave the registration marks exposed.



Now, place that layer of vinyl over another color (it doesn't matter which color you choose) of vinyl and line up the registration marks. Press the two sets of marks together.



Remove the vinyl backing from the first layer.



Use your scraper to press both layers together.



Repeat those steps until you've layered all 5 colors of vinyl.



If the backing from the last layer doesn't cover all the vinyl, add one of your larger backing pieces to protect the vinyl until you apply it to the wood. Cut off the registration marks.



STEP 3: PAINT THE WOOD PIECES

Next, we're going to work on the wood pieces.

For the vertical sign, I used a [Candle Cup](#), a [Large Finial](#), and a [5x7 Vertical Block with a hole](#).

For the horizontal sign, I used a [Candle Cup](#), a [Medium Finial](#), and a [4x6 Horizontal Block with a hole](#). I also used an [MDF bird](#) to attach to the horizontal sign.

You can also make similar looking signs with this [wood finial set](#), a 4x6 wood block, & 5x7 wood block.



Apply some wood glue to the finial and push it in the hole at the top of the block. Then, glue the candle cup onto the bottom of the block and make sure it's centered.



After the glue is dry, paint both signs white. You'll need to do at least two coats to get good coverage.



Paint the wood bird blue and let the wood pieces dry completely.



STEP 4: FINISH THE SIGNS

Remove the vinyl backing from the vinyl design.



Center the design on the wood sign.



Rub over the design with the scraper.



Pull off the transfer tape.



Add some glue to the back of the wooden bird and glue it onto the sign.



To create the look of a nest, roll some Spanish moss between your hands.



Then, glue the moss to the wood sign, right under the bird.



And that's the last step, this project is finished.

