



Step-By-Step Guide



Fly-Up Diner

Age: 5+ with adult assistance

“Good evening, Mr. & Mrs. Blue Jay! I have your reservation for two in our Tree-Top Room. Our special tonight is pan-seared earthworm topped with toasted sunflower seeds.”

Everyone knows the key to a successful restaurant lies in the menu and the décor. Get your imagination flying and make your Fly-Up Diner the “chirp” of the town!



You're ready if...

- You've have set aside some time to share.
- You are excited to be doing this together.
- You talked about where you will hang your Fly-Up Diner.
- Your imaginations are “flying”

Components

- Step-By-Step Guide
- 1 wooden bird feeder
- 3 paint bottles - 2 fl. oz. each
- 4 triangular sponges
- 1 paint tray
- 1 sheet adhesive stencils
- 1 paint pot strip (4 ct.)
- 1 liner brush



Other supplies to have on hand

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| clean paper | paper towels |
| craft stick or toothpicks
(to stir paint) | pencil |
| dish of water | Phillips-head screwdriver
(adult use only) |
| painting shirt | scissors |

Contents and color selections may vary from those seen in the photograph.



- Read the entire Step-By-Step Guide before completing your project. Safety and stain information is located on the back cover of this guide.**
- Cover your craft area with clean paper.
- Lay out all the project pieces.
- If your children prefer to create original designs, suggest that they sketch their ideas on paper first.
- Ask every crafter to wear a painting shirt.
- An adult** must cut paint pots apart.
- Open the paint and mix with the paint-brush handle, craft stick or toothpick until smooth. Wipe the handle clean with a damp paper towel after each color.
- Dust off the bird feeder.

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- ★ Rinse your paint tray and squeeze-dry your sponge each time you change paint colors.
- ★ Remove stencils before the paint dries completely. Otherwise, your paint may peel off.
- ★ Dip the paint brush in water and wipe it dry on a paper towel before you start painting. Rinse it again each time you change colors.
- ★ Cut sponges into easy-to-handle sizes. Having one for each color is SO convenient!
- ★ Wipe the stencils clean with a damp paper towel so you can use them again and again.

Assembly Advisement

An adult should assemble the bird feeder.

Stain Advisement

The paints are permanent when dry. They may stain clothing and other household surfaces. Wear a painting shirt to protect clothing and cover your work surface.

Safety Information

Conforms to ASTM D 4236. All art materials are nontoxic.



The desiccant pouch is a small part. To prevent any risk of choking, please dispose of it immediately.

ATTENTION: The cutting edges of scissors are sharp and care should be taken whenever cutting or handling. Adult supervision is recommended with all children.


By its nature, wood is rough and may contain splinters.



Bottles of paint, adhesive stencils, and paint pots made in U.S.A. All other components are made in China.

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Read through this guide and then decide how you wish to decorate your Fly-Up Diner. We offer three decorating ideas in this guide—Red/Holly Berry, Blue Bell or Terra Cotta—but feel free to mix colors and designs to match your vision. Our directions take you through the steps for the Red/Holly Berry Fly-Up Diner.



Fly-Up Diner

If you do create your own design, **plan ahead** to be sure you have enough supplies to complete your bird feeder. **Follow the checklist** in the Finish section when you are done decorating.

Figure 1



STEP 1: Paint your Fly-Up Diner.

In this section we are painting the **RED/HOLLY BERRY Fly-Up Diner** but colors for the **TERRA COTTA (Option 1)** and **BLUE BELL (Option 2) Fly-Up Dinners** are also noted.

- Sponge paint the entire roof of your feeder **Red/Holly Berry**. (For Option 1, use **Terra Cotta**. For Option 2, use **Blue Bell**.)
- Sponge paint the entire bottom piece of your feeder **Red/Holly Berry** (For Option 1, use **Terra Cotta**. For Option 2, use **Blue Bell**.) (See Figure 1.) Allow paint to air-dry for about 15 minutes.
- Add a second coat of paint to both roof and bottom piece. Allow to dry for 30 minutes.
- If desired, add a third coat. Be sure to wait at least 30 minutes between coats. The **Red/Holly Berry** hue, in particular, is much richer with three coats.
- Sponge paint both sides of both side panels **Beige/Daisy Cream Paint**. (Use this color for both Options 1 and 2, as well.)
- Air-dry for about 15 minutes.
- Add a second coat of paint, if necessary. Allow to dry for 30 minutes.

The base painting is done, now on to the décor!

STEP 2: Stencil your side panels.

IMPORTANT: If you are designing the **TERRA COTTA (Option 1)** or **BLUE BELL (Option 2)** Fly-Up Dinners, please move to the options' section of this guide.

When stenciling panels, you will be working on the outside of both panels, meaning the sides without grooves.

PANEL 1 of Red Diner: BEIGE/DAISY CREAM PAINT

- Gently pull the clear adhesive caterpillar stencil from the backing and lay it on the lower part of the panel.
- Press firmly to make sure there are no bubbles or gaps.
- Pour a small amount of **Green/Mistletoe** paint into your paint tray.
- Dip a sponge into the **Green/Mistletoe** paint. Dab on paper to remove any excess. Dab the paint inside the caterpillar, filling in the entire area.
- Allow paint to air-dry for at least 3 minutes.
- If you want a stronger color, add another coat of paint.
- Air-dry for about 3 minutes and then gently remove the stencil.
- Paint two **Black/Iron** spider stencils above the caterpillar. Remember to wipe off your stencils after you use them so they can be used again and again. (See Figure 2.)
- Air-dry for 3 minutes and then gently remove the stencils.
- Set this piece aside.

Figure 2



PANEL 2 of Red Diner: BEIGE/DAISY CREAM PAINT

- Gently remove the grasshopper stencil from its backing and place it on the upper, left side of the panel at an angle. Press it down firmly. (See Figure 3.)
- Dip a sponge into **Green/Mistletoe** paint. Dab on paper to remove any excess. Dab the paint inside the grasshopper stencil, filling in the entire area.
- Allow paint to air-dry for at least 3 minutes.
- Place the same grasshopper stencil at an angle below the first one.
- Paint it according to the directions above.
- Using the stencil, paint a **Black/Iron** bee, facing down, in the corner above the top grasshopper.
- Air-dry the paint for about 3 minutes.
- If you want a stronger color, add another coat of paint.
- Gently remove the stencil.

Figure 3



Figure 4



STEP 3: Add designs to the bottom.

- Pour a small amount of various colors of paint into your paint tray.
- On one side of the bottom piece of the feeder, place the spider stencil and press it firmly into place.
- Dip a sponge into the **Black/Iron** paint. Dab on paper to remove any excess. Dab the paint inside the spider, filling in the entire area.
- Allow paint to air-dry for at least 3 minutes.
- If you want a stronger color, add another coat of paint within the stencil.
- Air-dry the paint for about 3 minutes and then gently remove the stencil.
- On that same side, use your stencil to paint three worms about an inch apart. Use the **Fiesta Yellow**, **Blue Bell** and **Green/Mistletoe** paint. Remember to wipe off your stencils after you use them so they can be used again and again. (See Figure 4.)
- If you want a stronger color, add another coat of paint within the stencil.
- Air-dry the paint for 3 minutes and then gently remove the stencils.
- On the other side edge of the feeder, use the bee stencils in three different spots. Paint the bee stencils **Black/Iron** with two flying heads up and one flying head down.

STEP 4: Decorate the roof.

Use the side of the roof WITHOUT the screws.

- Place the bee stencil on the roof. Paint it **Black/Iron** and create a bee on the roof. (See Figure 5.)
- Allow paint to air-dry for at least 3 minutes.
- If you want a stronger color, add another coat of paint within the stencil.
- Air-dry the paint for about 3 minutes and then gently remove the stencil.

Figure 5



STEP 5: Add accents.

This is where your artwork really comes alive!

- To make your insects look like they are moving, add dots.
- Making dots takes some practice, so you may want to try them on paper first. Dip the tip of your paint brush **handle** into the **Fiesta Yellow** paint. Touch the paint-covered tip on paper, creating a dot. To make a dash, slide the tip to the side. Dip brush handle back into paint. Practice a few more dots and dashes before you add them to your bird feeder.
- Using this technique and various colors of paint, add eyes to your insects and dots to the worms. You can also use the dots to show movement. Create lines of them swirling and twisting behind the insects. (See Figure 6.)
- Sponge on some **Green/Mistletoe** paint to create grass under the grasshopper and the inchworm. Use the paint brush and **Green/Mistletoe** paint to add some lines to resemble blades of grass.
- With the **Fiesta Yellow** paint and your brush, add two stripes on the backs of the bees.

Using these simple techniques can really add a special touch to your Fly-Up Diner.

Figure 6



Option 1: TERRA COTTA Design

- On the outsides (without the grooves) of both panels, paint the gecko **Green/Mistletoe**. Add **Yellow/Fiesta Yellow** dots and **Black/Iron** eyes.
- Add a small dragonfly to both sides of the feeder using **Terra Cotta** paint.
- Add **Black/Iron** eyes and swirls following him to show motion.
- Add a group of three **Terra Cotta** dots to a corner of each side panel.
- On the side edges of the bottom of the feeder, paint **Beige/Daisy Cream Paint** snails.
- Add **Black/Iron** dots following behind them to show slow movement.
- Use **Black/Iron** dots for the snails' eyes. (See Figure 7.)



Figure 7

Option 2: BLUE BELL Design

- On the outside (without the grooves) of one side panel, paint a large butterfly in **Blue Bell** and two small butterflies in **Green/Mistletoe**. Add **Black/Iron** dots for eyes and make **Blue Bell** wavy accent lines and dots to show movement.
- Make **Blue Bell** wavy accent lines and dots for a border on the top and bottom edge of the panel.
- On the outside of the other side panel, add one large **Blue Bell** and one large **Green/Mistletoe** dragonfly.
- Add stripes on the tail of each dragonfly.
- Add **Black/Iron** dot eyes and **Blue Bell** and **Green/Mistletoe** dot swirls following them to show motion.
- Make **Blue Bell** wavy accent lines and dots for a border on the top and bottom edge of the panel.
- Add designs to the side edges of the bottom piece of the feeder. Place a **Beige/Daisy Cream Paint** snail on one side and a small **Beige/Daisy Cream Paint** butterfly on the other. Add dots to show movement. (See Figure 8.)



Figure 8



- Screw the two side panels into the base. REMEMBER TO HAVE THE SIDE PANELS WITH SLOTS FACING IN.
- Insert the acrylic pieces into the side panels.
- Screw the top of the bird feeder into the two side panels.
- Screw an eyebolt into both side panels of the bird feeder just under the roof.
- Double knot the string into each eyebolt.
- Have **an adult** help you fill it with bird food and hang it in the yard.

So what do you think? Is it time to start taking reservations? Brace yourself—the word in the sky is that you've got the hottest diner in town!