

What will your beautiful hands do today?

Create your own Spirt Bird from the book, *Beautiful Hands*. Here's an example of how to bring your school or organization's creativity to the next level with this character-building art project. Talk about community and how we need to support one another. Then each person/student makes a commitment to do one kind thing for someone else. Make a wireframe bird, attach their handsprints with mailing tape. Watch your spirits soar!



STEP 1: Use a medium size brush to apply different colored paints for each grade level's handprints. Tempura or acrylic paint works best.



STEP 2: Make a wireframe bird with 18-19 gauge wire. Use pliers and gloves to twist and loop wire.



STEP 3: Smaller handprints work best for the face and beak area. Apply prints with quality clear mailing tape.



STEP 4: Continue taping handprints to body. Anyone with an artistic sense can do this! I often use the 'cooler' colors for the exterior and 'warmer' colors for underside.



STEP 5: Hang your bird up with wire or fishing line. Watch spirits soar!