

James Rizzi Art Lesson – 1st / 2nd Grade



We drew a very simple line drawing of Rizzi's famous bird image on a 9" x 12" piece of [watercolor paper](#). Use a black oil pastel and start with two circles that touch in the middle. Add big dots for pupils. Draw two dots for the nostrils then add a big upside-down letter "U" over the head. Draw a letter "V" for the beak. Add a body, fluffy feathers on the chest and finally, stick legs.

Use pan [watercolor](#) or [liquid watercolors](#) (easier) and paint the bird first. Make sure the oil pastel line is dark and heavy. Not only will it add a graphic quality to your painting, it'll act as a barrier for the watercolor paints. Next, wet the background paper with water and dab on blotches of watercolor paint. Done! How easy was that?





