

HANGING PUERTO RICAN MANGO SUNCATCHER

You will need a parent or trusted adult to help you with this activity!

The male Puerto Rican Mango is a striking bird with colors of glittering green, inky black and vibrant violet! But who says you have to travel to Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands to see these beautiful colors?

In this activity you'll bring the colors of the Puerto Rican Mango straight to your room by making a suncatcher. A suncatcher is a decoration that catches rays of sunlight and casts them as rainbow hued patterns across the room.

Here is a list of materials you will need:

- empty clear plastic (juice, oil or vinegar) jug, washed and dried
- permanent markers
- scissors
- utility knife
- hole punch
- twine, string or yarn



Once you've gathered the materials it's time to make your suncatcher!

1. Use a utility knife to cut out one panel/ side of the jug. This should be done by an adult.
2. With a black permanent marker, draw the Puerto Rican Mango onto your plastic piece. You can visit birdscaribbean.org to find a photo of this bird. You can also print out the drawing of the Puerto Rican Mango (below) bird and trace it by placing it under your plastic piece.
3. Add color to your bird with colored permanent markers. When finished, trace around the bird again with a black marker and add a small area to include a hole for hanging. Add details such as feathers and eye with a black marker as well.
4. Use scissors to cut out your bird and use a hole punch to punch a hole to hang.
5. Use a piece of twine, fishing line, or string to hang your Puerto Rican Mango suncatcher in a window that gets lots of sun.

You can use any of the Caribbean Endemic Birds of the Day to create other suncatchers!

<https://www.birdscaribbean.org/caribbean-endemic-bird-festival/caribbean-endemic-birds/>

