

# HANGING HISPANIOLAN MANGO SUNCATCHER

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

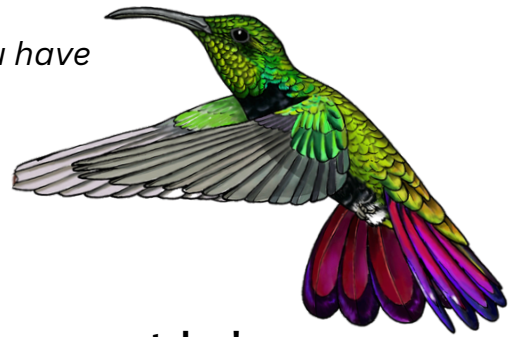
The **male** Hispaniolan Mango is a striking bird with a glittering green head, inky black underparts and a violet tail. The **female** is pale gray underneath but when she fans her tail more colors—orange, black and white—are revealed!

But who says you have to travel to the Dominican Republic or Haiti to see these beautiful colors?

In this activity you'll bring the colors of the Hispaniolan 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  
*green, black, purple, orange or any other colors you have*
- 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 Hispaniolan Mango onto your plastic piece. You can visit [birdscaribbean.org](http://birdscaribbean.org) to find a photo of this bird. You can also print out the drawing of the Hispaniolan Mango below 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 Hispaniolan 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/>

