

# BUTTON FLAMINGO

## SUPPLIES

- Pink cardstock, foam sheet, or thin box cardboard (you can paint)
- Flamingo pattern
- Pink buttons: One large, two mediums, and 7-10 smalls
- Black button, small
- Ivory or light gray button, small
- Yellow, gold or light gray buttons (feet), two smalls
- 8" Pipe cleaner or wire for the legs
- Glue
- Magnets
- OPTIONAL: Feathers and Wire – 23 GAUGE aluminum is easiest to use

## TOOLS Scissors

**ASSEMBLY** Glue the pattern to the wrong side of your PINK backing.

1. Cut out your pink flamingo shape. Miss Joy glued the pattern for you.
2. Select a medium pink button for the head and glue in place. Select a small black button for your eye. You might want to put another button between the head and eye.... That's up to you.
3. You can attach buttons using glue only or also wire them on. To attach wires, thread the wire into your buttons like you are sewing.
4. Use a pin or needle to poke a hole in the backing and feed the wire through the holes then twist together on the back and cut off the extra wire.
5. From black foam or construction paper, cut out the lower beak and glue this onto the flamingo's lower beak. You can use your flamingo body's beak for a pattern by laying it on your black and drawing around the beak.
6. Glue your beak tip on.
7. Select a small ivory or light gray button and glue in place for the top of the beak. (Between the HEAD button and the BLACK BEAK TIP.)
8. If you have some short feathers, you might want to glue a few on the foam at the flamingo's tail to give him a bit of fluff!
9. Next, glue the large pink button to the body. If it has a shank, poke the shank through your pink backing. You can choose other pink buttons to glue on top of it. If your large button is a sew through, then choose the rest of your pink buttons for the body and run a wire through the stack just like you did when you built the flamingo head. Wire or glue on another button (or buttons) for the tail.
10. Bend your 8" pipe cleaner in half.
11. Turn your flamingo over so you are looking at the back side. and thread it through the shank of your body button. If you have a sew-through body button, then use the wire at the back to tie on the pipe cleaner legs at the bend.
12. Next, bend up 1/2" of each pipe cleaner bottom and put on a small yellow, ivory or gray button for the feet. Bend your pipe cleaners a little bit to look like each leg has a knee.
13. You can leave the flamingo neck bare, or glue little pink buttons up the neck.
14. Last, glue on some magnets to hold your flamingo on the refrigerator or ???



