Baby Birds - Grades 1-3

Supplies: Pencil, scissors, glue stick, markers, colored pencils or crayons, white and colored paper, and a printer.

1- Print a copy of the Bird parts (Body and Wing) on page 2.

2- Show your students my examples of designs on page 3. I used wavy lines on one and zig zag lines on the other.

3- Have students create a different design on each piece - body and wing.

4- Help students choose contrasting colors so the wing will show when attached over the body. (Example on page 4)

5- If the students don't know much about how color contrasts, try giving them warm colors first – ie. red, orange, yellow, pink, red purple for one piece.

6- Collect those when they are done and then give them cool colors: blue, green, blue violet for the other piece.

7- Pass out scissors and help them cut out the body and wing of the bird on the black lines.

8- Pass out a plain or colored piece of paper for the background.

9- Have them use small pieces of gentle tape (painters tape is best) to stick the wing on the body, then the body on the background in different positions to decide how they want their bird to look. (Examples of poses on pages 4 and 5)

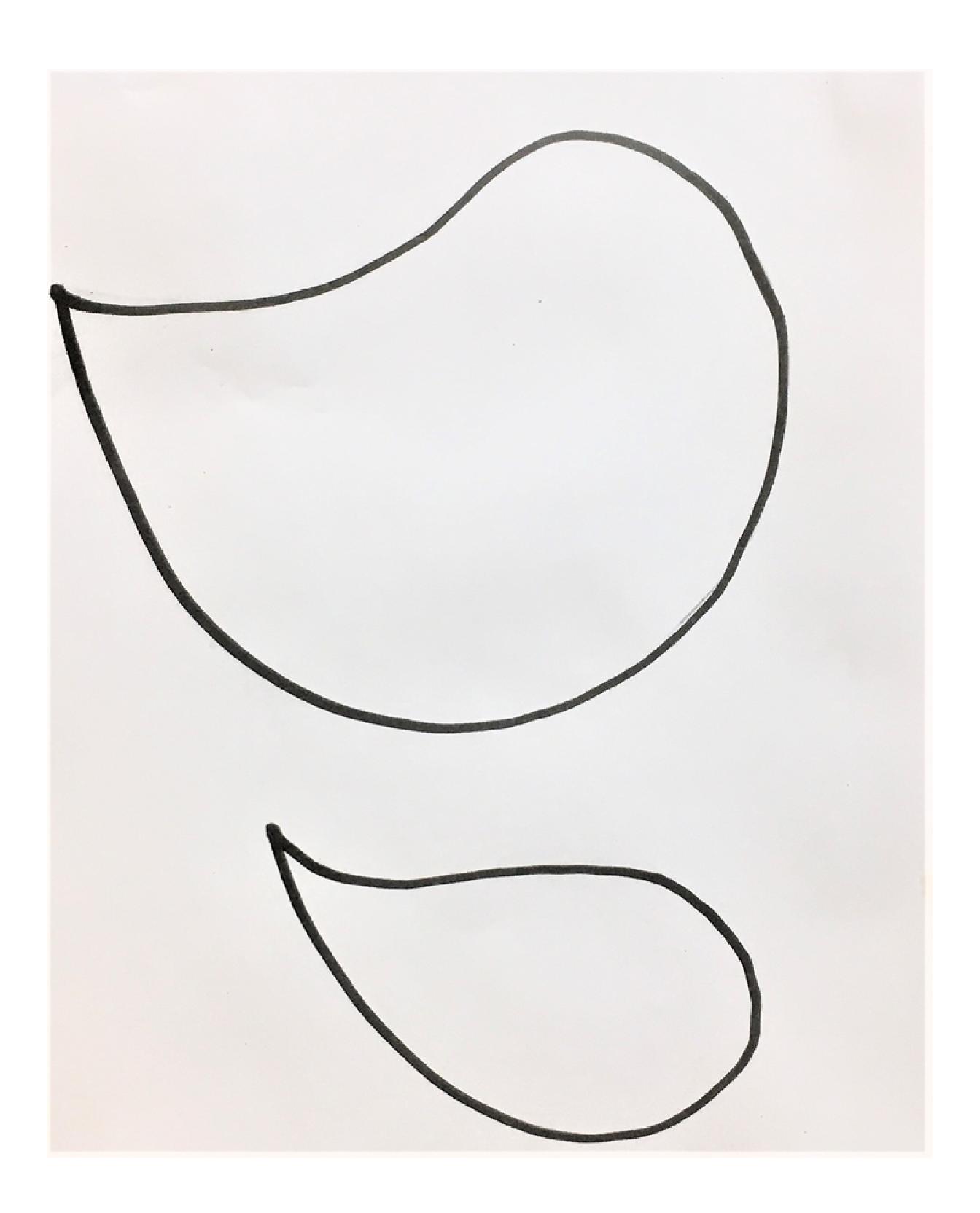
10- Once they decide on a position, help them remove the tape and use glue to attach the wing to the body and then the body to the background.

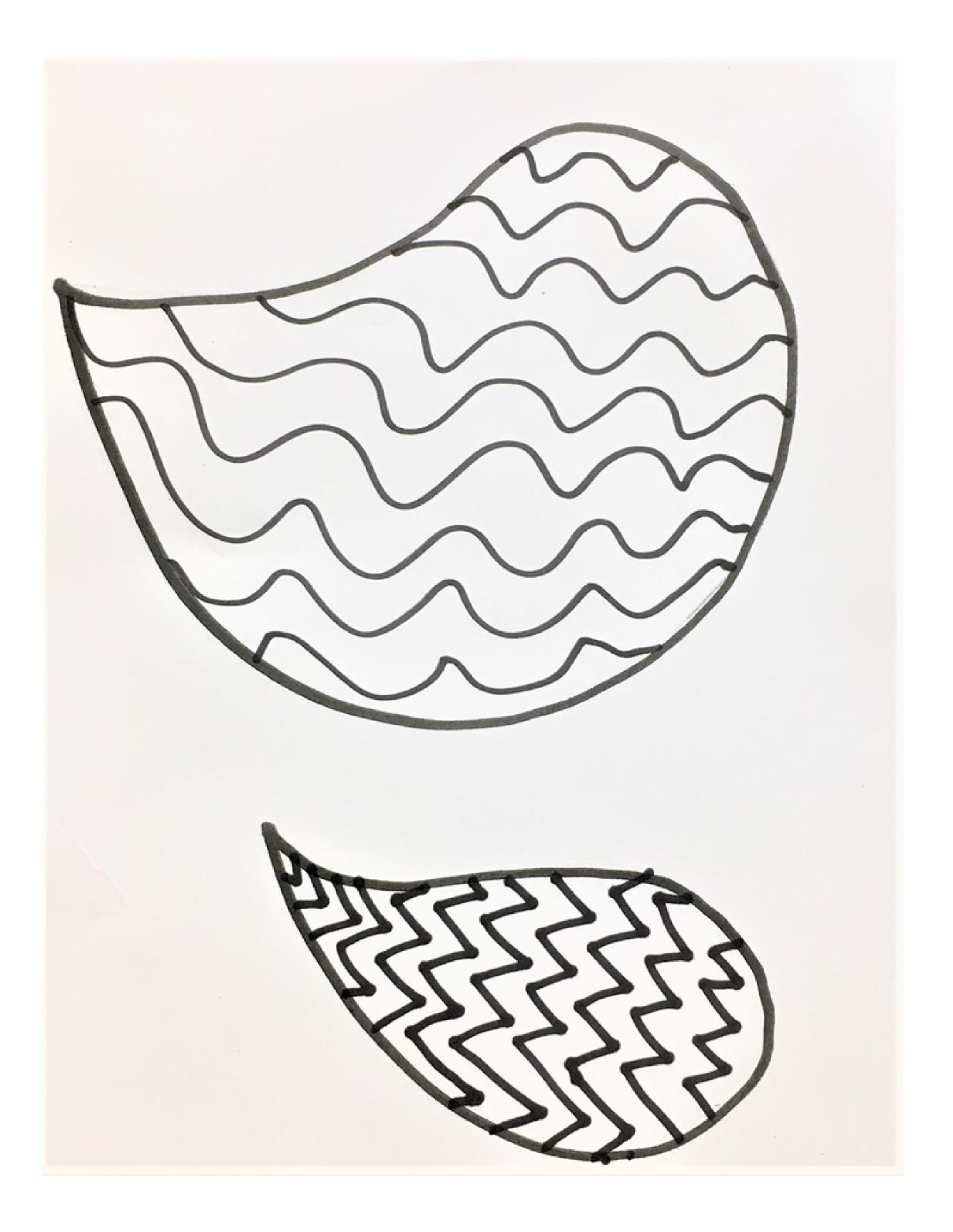
11- Lastly have them add these features to the bird with black sharpie, crayon or a dark colored pencil:

An eye- dot A beak- sideways triangle

and

2 feet- Upside down Y with line added in the middle (Shown on examples on pages 4 and 5)













YAY Spring is here! There's nothing better than hearing the joyful songs of the birds as the weather warms for us all.