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### How to draw a toucan



Hello Teachers,

We almost made it, two more to go. I love Dr. Seuss and his series of The Cat in The Hat's Learning Library it addresses the standard LAFS.2.RI.1.2 perfectly. One of my favorites is "If I Ran the Rain Forest." Here is the link to the book <https://youtu.be/6LPhlt66BnQ> Once your students listen to the story, they can learn how to draw a toucan.

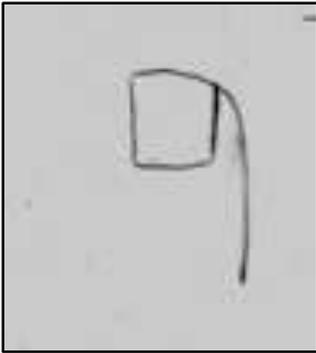
### Here are the materials that they will need:

White cardstock or construction paper

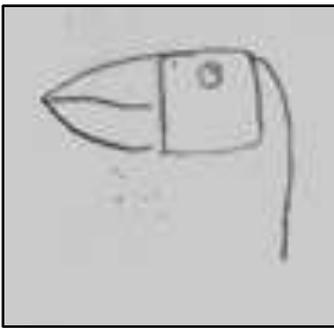
Markers, crayons or oil pastels

Drawing tutorial

### Here is the drawing tutorial:



Draw an upside down "J" and a square inside. There are about 40 different kinds of toucans. They vary in size from 7 inches to 2 feet. They have short and thick necks and large beaks.



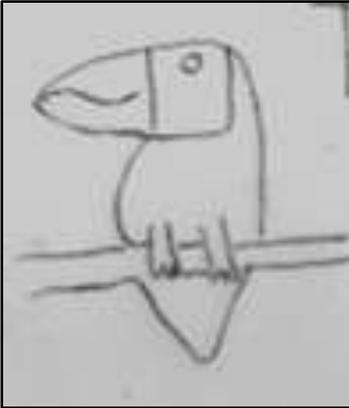
Draw a "v" for the beak, curvy line inside and an "o" for the eye. Despite its size, the toucan's bill is very sharp and lightweight. The color of the bill may be black, blue, brown, green, red, white, yellow or a combination of colors. It uses its beak to squash many kinds of fruits and berries that it eats and dispenses in the rainforest. Its diet also includes small birds and lizards.



Under the beak draw a curvy line. Toucans live together in small-sized flocks, they make nests in tree hollows or holes that have often been created by their distant cousin the woodpecker. White, glossy eggs are laid once a year and when they hatch, the new chicks have no down covering them.



Draw two horizontal lines for the branch and a “v” underneath. Toucans have very small wings and are not very good at flying. They mostly hop between branches using their curved toes and sharp claws.



When they sleep, they turn their heads around and tuck their bills under their wings and tail. Toucans are one of the noisier jungle birds. They live for up to 20 years, and their predators include Jaguars and other big cats.



Color the toucan with crayons, markers or colored pencils. Since the 1960's, Toucan Sam, a cartoon mascot, has been used as the face of Kellogg's breakfast cereal Fruit Loops. You can find examples of toucans here:

<https://www.gettyimages.com/photos/toucan?mediatype=photography&phrase=toucan&sort=mostpopular>

Why is it important not to cut the trees of the rainforest?

If you were an animal of the rainforest which one would you be and why?

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