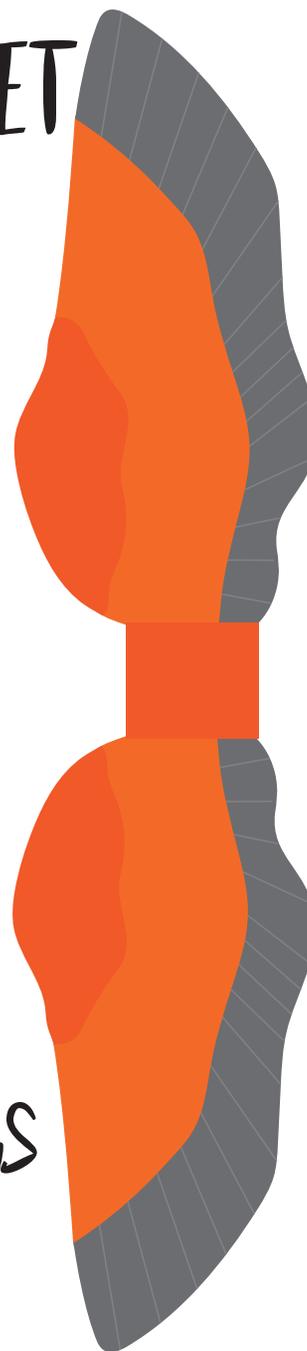
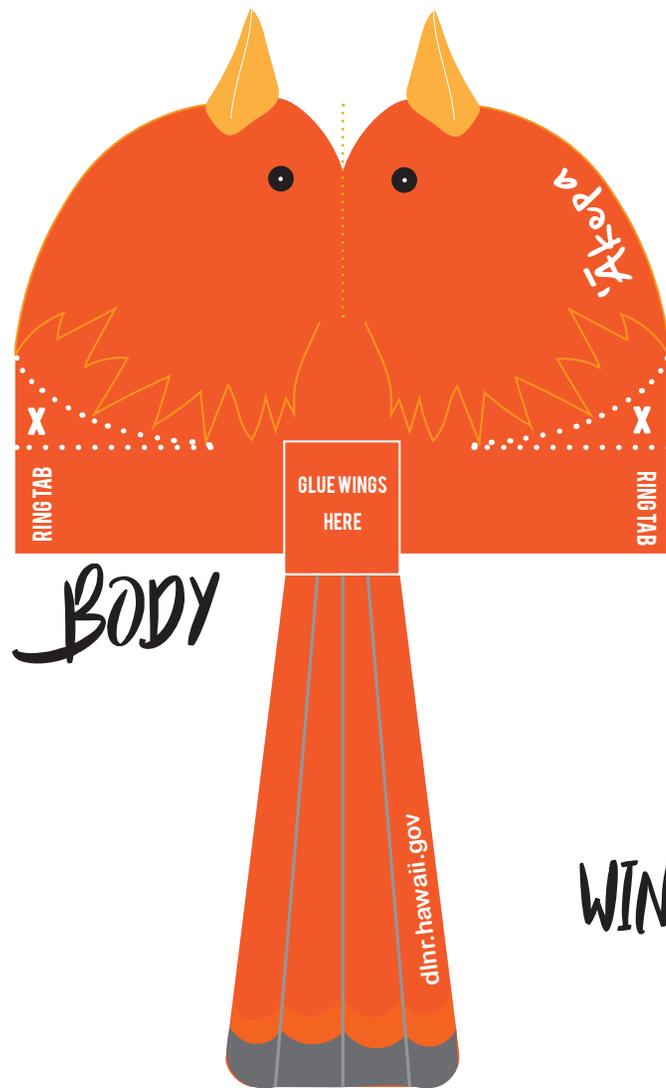


# 'AKEPA FINGER PUPPET



## ALL ABOUT 'AKEPA

### SING A LITTLE SONG

'Akepa's call is a soft 'TEEDLE-EE.' Its song starts out loud and becomes softer as it sings "cheedle-ee-dle-ee-dle."

### WHAT'S ON THE MENU?

'Akepa have an unusual **crossed-bill!** When closed the upper bill slightly overlaps the lower bill tip to one side. The 'akepa uses its bill to pry open leaf buds and pull out small insects, spiders, and even CATERPILLARS. 'Akepa also sip nectar from 'ohi'a blossoms.

### HOME IS WHERE THE FOREST IS

'Akepa live in high elevation koa and 'ohi'a forest on the Island of Hawai'i. They nest in the natural cavities in the trunks and branches of old trees. As the health of our native forests decline, the number of 'akepa also declines. The 'akepa are one of the smallest Hawaiian birds weighing only 10 grams!

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CUT ALONG THE DOTTED LINES (WOW YOUR FRIENDS WITH HOW MUCH YOU KNOW!)

## DIRECTIONS

1. Print on heavy card stock. Cut out the body and wings. DO NOT cut off the orange tabs (square) between wings and on the body.
2. Cut along the WHITE dotted lines behind the head of the bird to remove the piece with the white "X." Experienced scissors users can cut along the yellow zig zag lines to behind of the bird's head for a more detailed puppet.
3. Attach the wings to the body by matching up the orange square between the wings onto the white square on the body. Ensure that the top of the wings (side with darker orange) face the front of the bird.
4. Fold along yellow dotted line between the eyes while matching up both sides of the beak. Glue beak together using a glue stick. Staple or tape the bottom edge of the head (neck area) to keep sides together. Be sure to just fasten the edge as you finger will need to fit in the opening between the two pieces once the puppet is complete.
5. Bend ring tabs down to form a ring that fits your finger. Tape overlapping tabs together.