



Ascent

Known for its beautiful song and feathers, the Baltimore oriole is a favorite among bird watchers who strive to get a better look at this vivid bird. The Ascent birdhouse creates a feeder on top to attract these feathered friends while the substructure creates the skeleton of a nest to encourage self-sufficiency. Representing an American folk tale where a mighty hornet is turned into a lovely Oriole, Ascent incorporates the symbolism of transformation and harmony. Fabricating a symbiotic relationship, Ascent addresses a solution that benefits both bird and humans.



A Day In the Life

Size: Length: 6.7–7.5 in Wingspan: 9.1–11.8 in Weight: 1.1–1.4 oz.

Active from sunrise to dusk

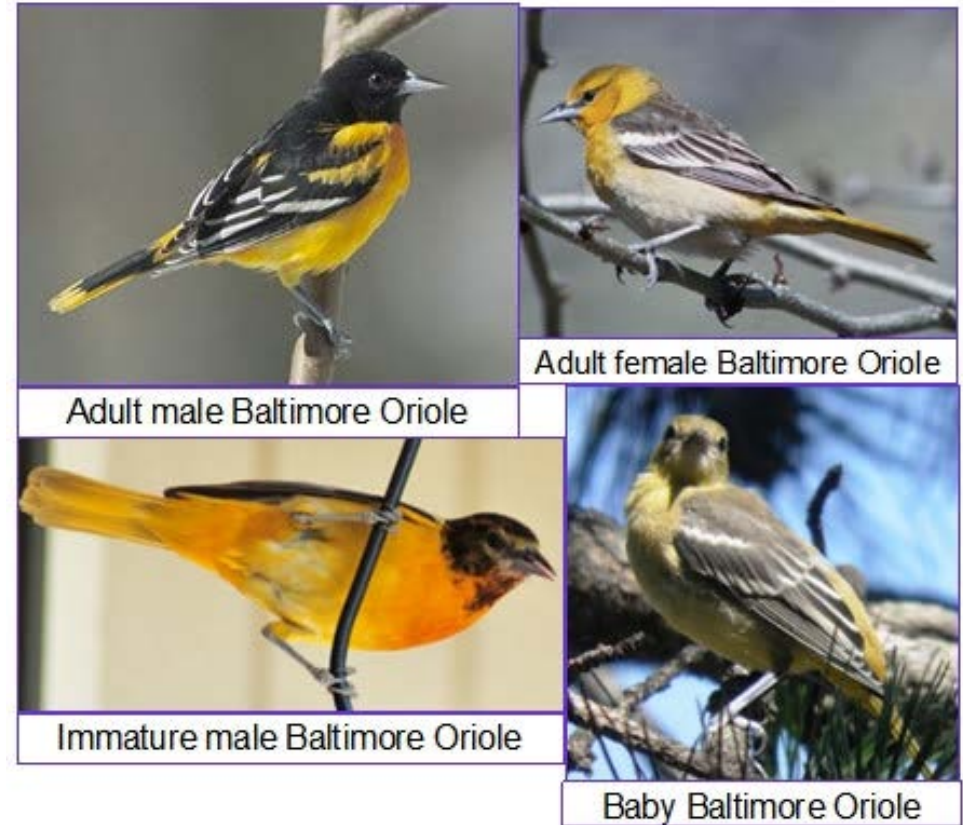
Recognizable from their plumage of orange/yellow and black.

Food: Insects such as beetles, crickets, grasshoppers, moths, flies, spiders, snail, caterpillars, and also darker fruits such as raspberries, mulberries, cherries, oranges and bananas

Habitat: Deciduous leafy trees, open woodlands, edges of forests, Orchards and stands by the river

Behavior: Orioles are shy birds that tend not to like high traffic places. Solitary yet can still be found in the backyard if their favorite treats are available.

Enemies: From day to day the orioles need to be careful of birds of prey during the day, such as falcons and owls at night. Red Squirrels are also known to be dangerous to Baltimore Orioles.

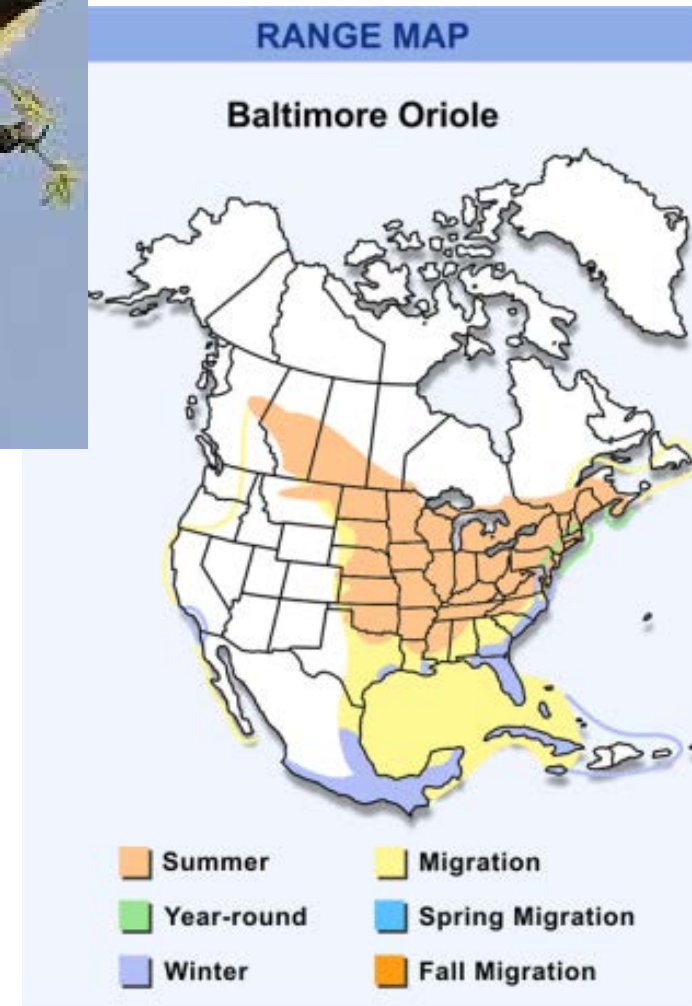


A Year in the Life

Baltimore Orioles have a very active year full of migration, reproduction rituals, nesting and having chicks.

Mating Rituals: The male puffs himself chest up, wings and tail feathers up and sits near a female and chirps a song.

Nests: Females weave outer bowl of flexible fibers as a support, then weaves springy fibers, where the bag shape comes from, lastly she lines the nest with downy fibers for warmth and cushion. **Eggs:** Take 12-14 incubation days. **Young:** They develop for 12-14 days before leaving the nest.



Human and the Baltimore Oriole

Named after a famous Lord Baltimore whose crest had the same colorings of the Oriole bird, which later became the state bird of Maryland.

The most common recognition of this bird is from the Baseball team from Baltimore, Maryland in 1974, and has been protected since 1882, Became the mascot in 1954, had a phrase coined “The Oriole Way” in the 60s and also had a song, now traditionally played after a win, “Oriole’s Magic” in 1970.

Myths and Symbolism:

China: Known in China for its beautiful voice and music, written as a combination as beautiful and bird, became a symbol for officials that later became the emblem for a court musician.

Navajo: Myth about creation where the oriole is seen as king of birds.

Vainakh mythology: Goddess Seelasat whose name means oriole is the defender of virgins

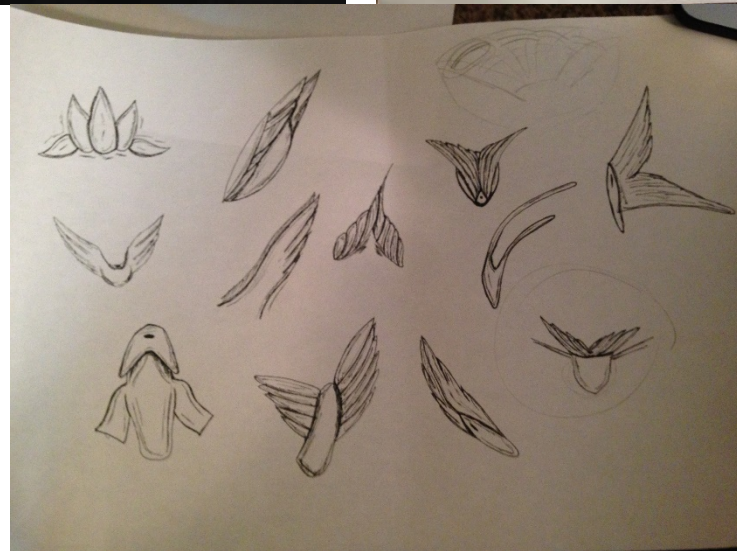
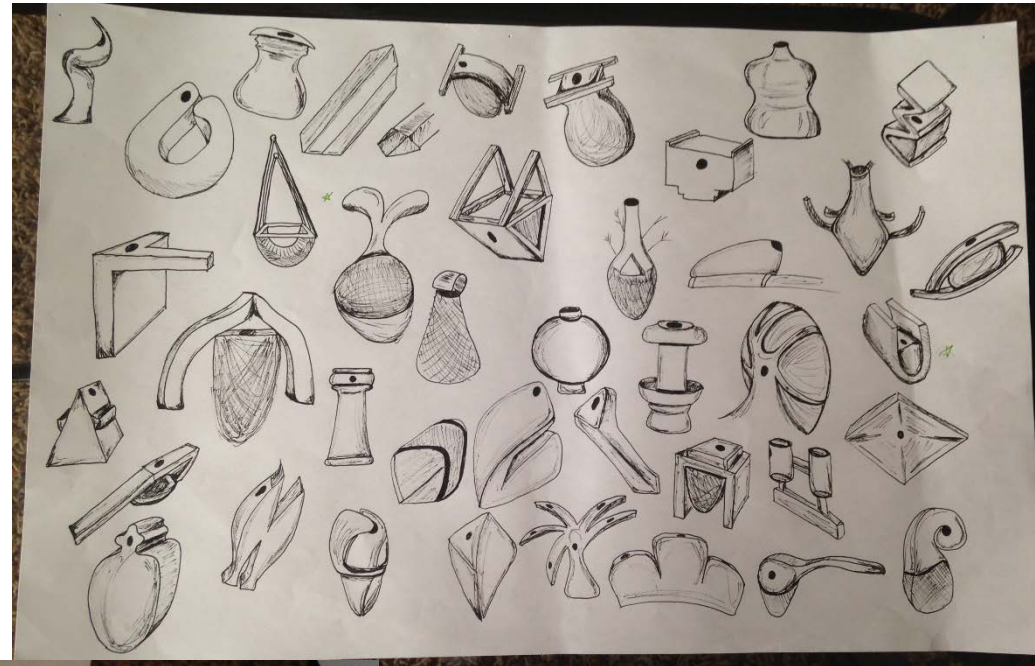
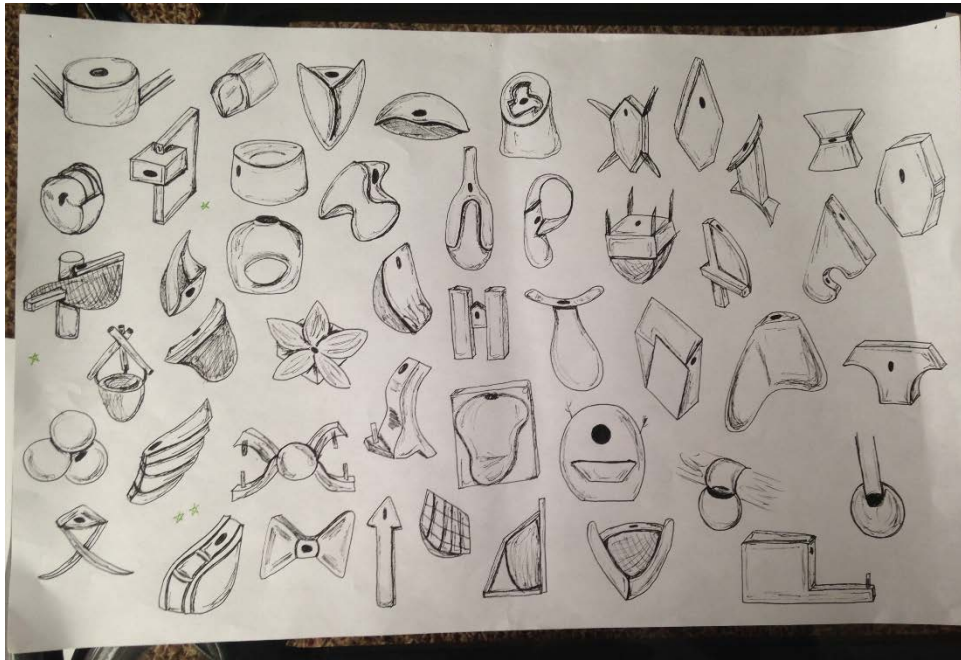
Poland: the song of a “golden” Oriole is a symbol for coming rain

American Folk Tale: a hornet was changed into a beautiful oriole because it saved a kingdom from an attack from the north thus the oriole nest is similar to a hornets

Represents creativity and domestication, when you see an oriole you are to reevaluate your creative aspect in your life, this belief comes from the delicately woven nest with a great craftsmanship. Also the nest is to make you think of family and if the family you are in satisfies your needs and help you grow



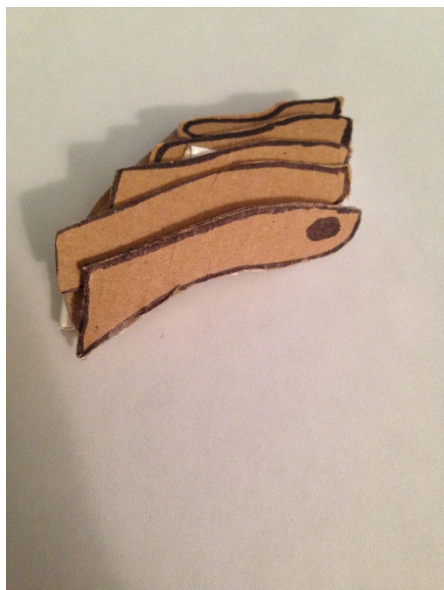
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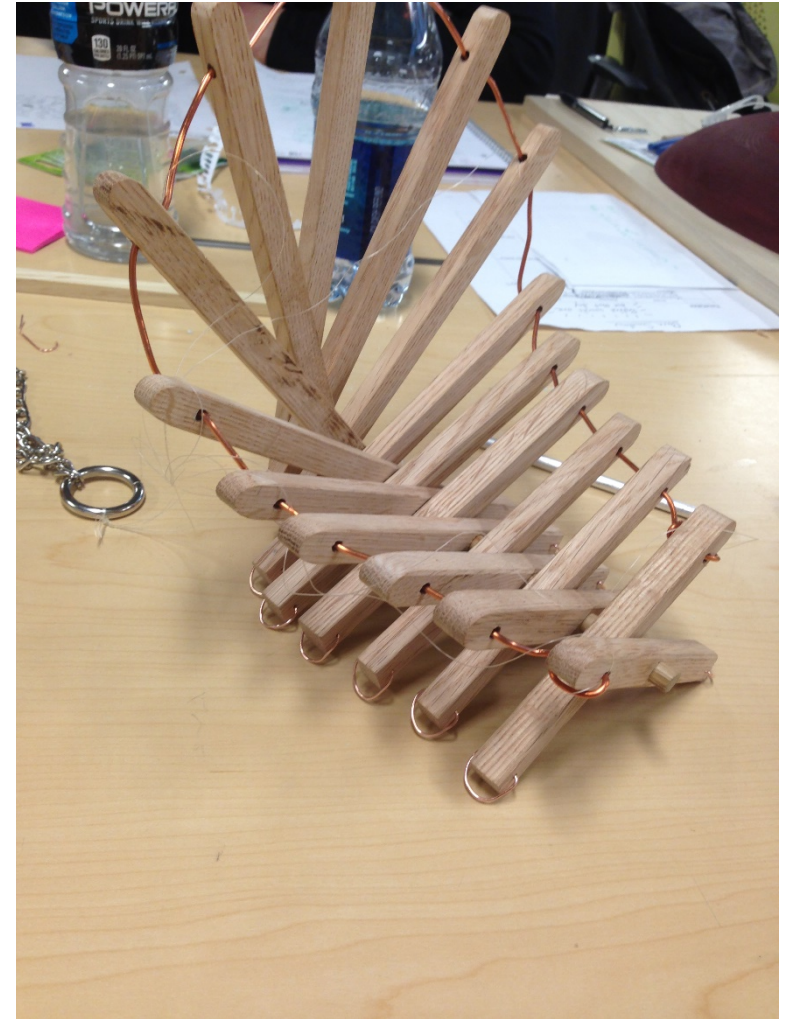
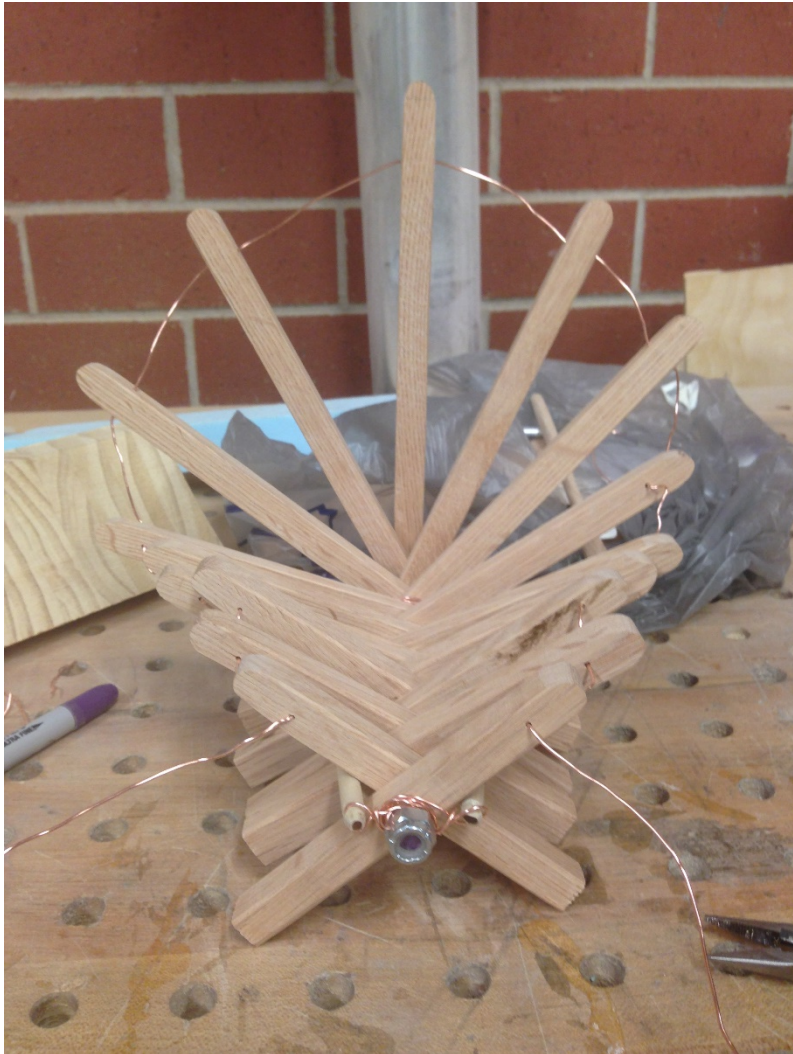
Mockups



Mock Up Continuation



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