Make a paper parrot

A thousand years ago, people carried scarlet macaws from Central America up to what is now Northern Arizona. These colorful birds were important to the ancient Puebloan people and show up in their artwork. You can create your own scarlet macaw art with this craft.

Instructions:
1. Print this template.
2. Cut out along the lines.
3. Trace the body onto colored paper.
4. Cut that out.
5. Glue beak to body.
6. Trace hand on other colors of paper.
7. Cut out hand tracings.
8. Glue hand cutouts starting from the bottom of the bird’s body and working upward, so the fingers of each handprint overlaps the palm of the handprint below.
9. Add an eye to your parrot.

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