

I spy with my Heide eye... Can you find this artwork at Heide?



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Flamingo Flamingo 2011

American flamingo (*Phoenicopterus ruber*), from John James Audubon, *American Flamingo (Phoenicopterus ruber)*, watercolor, graphite, gouache, black ink, and pastel with glazes on paper, laid on card, 1838, New-York Historical Society, New York, NY, USA
reclaimed needlework, lace pins, nylon tulle
96 x 78 cm
Courtesy of the artist

The artist makes these artworks from cut up embroidered and lace cloth, and doilies. She carefully attaches the pieces together using sewing pins.

★ What types of shops would be good places for the artist to buy these materials from?

Draw a flamingo nest with three eggs in the box below

A large, empty, rounded rectangular box with a pink border, intended for drawing a flamingo nest with three eggs.

★ Look carefully at the other artworks in this exhibition room. List five different bird types the artist has recreated:

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Did you know?

→ A flamingo doesn't build a nest on the branches of trees or shrubs like other birds do. It makes a cup shaped nest of clay and sticks on the mudflats.

→ Flamingos are highly social animals and breed only in colonies that may range in size from a few dozen to tens of thousands of birds.

→ The flamingo uses its long neck to reach down into the shallow waters and mud to dig out plankton, shrimp, insect larvae and crabs to eat. The flamingo feeds with its head upside down.

→ The flamingo can fly.

→ The flamingo usually lives to about 20 years old, although it is not uncommon for some flamingos to reach 50 years old.

Still looking at *Flamingo, Flamingo...*

Word Scramble

Unscramble each of the clue words below.
Copy the letters in the numbered cells to other cells with the same number.

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In the space below how many words can you think of to describe a flamingo?
Be creative and colourful.

TALL

Inspiring



Phoenicopterus ruber, the Greater Flamingo. Drawn by John James Audubon for his book *The Birds of America*, 1827-1838

★ This watercolour drawing inspired Louise Saxton to make the artwork *Flamingo, Flamingo*. It is a botanical illustration, which is a type of drawing that artists created to demonstrate and record variety of plant and animal species before photography was suitable to be used.