

Make A Mobile Part Two: Guillemot

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Did You Know...?

Guillemots are related to us Puffins as we are all part of the Auk family. Guillemots are excellent swimmers and have been recorded at depths of 180 metres, which is more than 10 Sumburgh Head Lighthouses stacked on top of each other!

Like Puffins they spend a lot of the year at sea, returning to Sumburgh Head to breed. Guillemots nest in packed colonies on narrow open ledges.

The colony is very nosy as adults call to each other and their chicks. They lay one very large, colourful egg (see photo!)

Their chicks fledge after just 3 weeks when they are only one third the size of their parents.

Chicks fledge before they can fly. They jump from their ledge into the water below. Guillemot chicks are called Jumplings!

When it's time to fledge, their Dads call them down to the water and help them swim to safety, away from the colony.



REMEMBER: ASK AN ADULT TO CUT OUT THE PIECES FOR YOU



TOP TIP! 

Hold me against a window and draw my markings onto the reverse side!

