

## Portuguese Rooster

The *Galo de Barcelos* (rooster of Barcelos) is an important story in Portuguese culture. The legend is that the rooster miraculously came to life to save an innocent prisoner from hanging. The rooster has become one of the most common symbols of Portugal.



### Materials:

- Card stock or bristol board
- Googly eyes
- Construction paper
- Paint if desired
- White glue
- Popsicle sticks or dowel

### Instructions:

- Print the attached template.
- Cut out the template and trace it onto the black cardstock or Bristol board. Green, white or red backgrounds also exist, but black is the most common.
- Cut various shapes out of colourful construction paper. Many images are available online of the *Galo de Barcelos* or see the example. Hearts and flowers are common motifs.
- Layer the shapes into a design on your rooster and glue in place.
- Painted dots or designs can be added if desired.
- Glue a googly eye to the rooster as shown above.
- Tape the dowel to the back of the rooster so that it can be used as a puppet or planted in a flower pot.

**TIP – Bright colours like red, yellow, orange or bright blue show up best on the black background.**

**TIP – If using paint, use light bright colours such as white, yellow or pale blue or green to stand out on the black.**

**TIP – Instead of dowels, you can use a peel and stick magnet strip on the back or a window suction cup to mount the rooster.**

Template

