For the bodies of the Dirds please have some pre-cut approx 3.5" circles. I like to use Text Wove as well as darker colored Canson Mi-Teintes as I can letter successfully on them. Strathmore Black Artigan works well too. When you cut your circles be sure so save your scraps - I'll tell you why when I see you.

- Half sheet black cardstock
- One sheet 8.5X11 copy (cartridge)
- paper Pencil & note taking paper for recording ideas
- Calligraphic supplies…. I will be using a pointed pen for most of my lettering, but the choice is yours to make
- Ink: white (Dr. Ph. Martin's Pen-White) & something dark - your choice
- Glue (I like PVA)
- Scissors
- X-acto knife/cutting matt
- Bone folder
- Black fine liner (pigma micron)
- White Signo pen (or something similar)
- Needle (to poke a hole)

Optional

- Circle cutter (I recommend Fiskars Circle Cutter 193800-1001)
- Drawing compass
- Fons & porter chalk pencil (especially if you're working on dark paper)
- Feathers
- 1/4-inch hole punch
- 22-gauge wire + wire cutter (for springs)
- White or cream pearl pen (Nuvo or Viva are two brands I use)
- Black pearl pen (Nuvo or Viva are two brands I use)
- Black Sakura Glaze Pen (this would be in place of the black pearl pen)
- Small pieces of handmade paper no smaller than the diameter of your circle….
- Scraps of lettering you are willing to cut up (photocopy it if you're not willing to cut them up)
- Half sheet gold card stock

Please do not feel you need to run out and purchase the optional items. I will be demonstrating and using these items, and it will give you an opportunity to see if you want to purchase them later.

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