Make Your Own Shrike

Shrikes are small, carnivorous birds that live around the world, usually in open spaces like grasslands and savannas. Most of them are under 10 inches in length, except for one species that reaches nearly 20 inches long with its impressive tail feathers. In the United States, we only find 2 species, the loggerhead and the great gray shrike. Shrikes are most well known for their habit of catching insects and small vertebrates and sticking them on thorns, barbed-wire fences, or really any pointy sticks they can find! They use this odd behavior to store food and to feed off their prey instead of trying to hold it in their very tiny feet. Make your own shrike in the activity below.

**Materials**
- White sheet of paper
- Brown construction paper
- A shoe
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Black marker
- Pencil

**Instructions**

1. Gather together all the materials you will need.

2. Carefully trace the shape of your hand on brown construction paper with a black marker. Then cut out the hand from the construction paper.
3. Next, trace the outline of your shoe with a black marker, on a white sheet of paper.

4. Now, take the brown construction paper hand that you cut out, and glue it to the outline of your shoe. This is the shrike's wing, and the outline of your shoe is its body!

5. Draw a beak, eye, and legs to complete your shrike!