

Build a Bird's Nest

Try building a bird's nest and discover how hard wild birds have to work in spring!

1. Collect materials to build a bird's nest from your garden, school playground or a park.

Dry grass



A bag for collecting material



Old newspaper



Dry leaves



Twigs



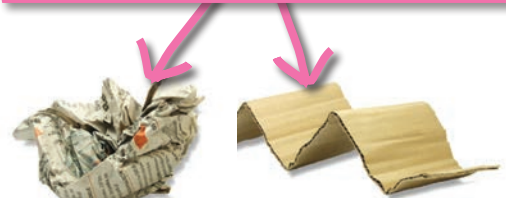
Feathers



Moss



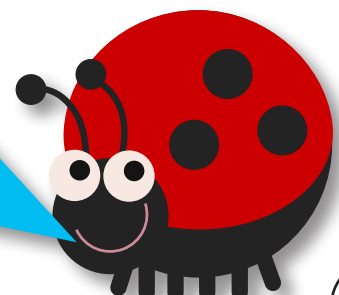
Paper and cupboard rubbish



Garden soil and water to make mud



Remember! You can only use materials that you find in the wild. Birds can't go to a shop to buy the building materials they need.

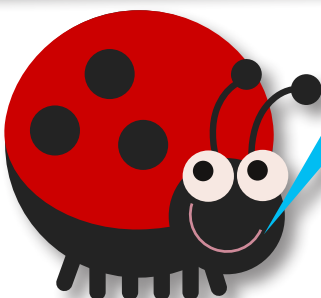




2. Place sheets of newspaper on a table. Lay out all your nesting materials.
3. Begin by making a framework for the nest. Weave twigs together to make a bowl shape.
4. Use moss, dry grass, leaves, feathers and pieces of paper or card to pad out the inside of the nest.
5. If you wish, make some mud by mixing soil and water. Smear the mud onto the nest. When the mud dries, it will act like glue to hold the other nest materials together.
6. Wash your hands with warm water and soap after making your nest.



Ask an adult to help you place the nest in a tree or bush outdoors – just like a real bird's nest!





Name Date

You were able to collect lots of nesting materials in one go and carry them in a bag. How do birds gather their materials?

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You used your hands to build the nest. What body parts do birds use?

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Did you find it difficult or easy to build a nest?

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