

MAKE A BIRD'S NEST



Birds are busy this time of the year building their nests, using material they find in nature. In this activity, kids are encouraged to “think like a bird” and build their own nests.

Materials:

- Sticks
- Leaves
- Grass
- Feathers
- Pine needles
- Any other natural items that would work in a nest



Instructions:

1. Go to a state park or a neighborhood park, and observe bird nests. If you cannot find any, you can still discuss with your kid(s) what they think birds need to make a nests. Encourage them to think about what in nature is sturdy, and what a bird can find in the wild.
2. Have the kids start collecting the items they think would work will in a nest. Make sure to stress that they cannot break up twigs, only collect items they found already on the ground. Once they are finished collecting, have the kids try to manipulate the grass and twigs and other items into birds nest shape. Encourage them to weave items together.
3. Take pictures of the finished nest. If you have gathered nest materials from a park, explain to the kids they cannot bring them home because those items belong to the natural environment where they have been found. Who knows, birds might find the same items useful and collect them for their own nests!

Extension:

You might want to check out some books at your local library about birds and bird nests, native to your area. See what kinds of things they use to build a nest and how they put them together.



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