

Backyard Naturalist

Build a Nest

STEAM Activity



Directions

1. Think about birds nests that you have found or that you have seen pictures of. What were they made of?
2. Go outside and collect things that you think would make a good birds nest.
3. Lay everything out on the table so you can see all your nest building materials.
4. Use a paper plate to support your nest and keep your table clean.
5. You can use scissors and string if you choose—but birds do not!



There is no right or wrong way to build a nest—just make sure it can support eggs and adult birds as well.

Questions to Ask

- Will your nest blow away in the wind? Test it with a hair dryer.
- Will water drain out or stay in the nest? Use a watering can to test it.
- How deep does it need to be to keep the eggs safe?
- Is it comfortable?
- How many eggs and an adult bird can fit in your nest?

Things Needed

- Paper plate
- Scissors
- Natural materials
- String