



Brilliant birds

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The Best Of The Nests

Local birdwatcher Mrs Twitcher is an expert on birds' nests. "I think birds are brilliant," she told our reporter. "I don't think people can build nests like birds do." Do you think Mrs Twitcher is right?

Find a friend and join our nest building competition. Collect your pretend beaks and get nest building! Will your nest be as good as a bird's nest and win you the title of best nest builders?



Mrs Twitcher ▶

★ Your challenge

Make a birds' nest using materials that you find outside. Remember you can only use your pretend 'beaks'.



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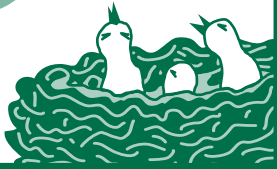
- ★ What do birds use to build nests?
- ★ How do you think they decide which materials to collect?
- ★ How difficult do you think building a nest will be?



★ Here are some ideas to get you started

- ★ What materials can you find that you might be able to use to build your nest?
- ★ Which ones do you think will be best?
- ★ Do you need different materials inside and outside the nest?
- ★ How will you keep everything together?
- ★ You could start with a small bowl made out of modelling material.
- ★ What other ways can you think of to build a nest?

★ If you see nests outside, do not disturb the birds or remove the nests.



★ Safety

- ★ Hold your pretend beak in your hands not your mouth! Listen carefully to what you can collect and where. Remember to wash your hands after working outdoors.

★ Now make and test your nest

- ★ What will happen to your nest on a windy day?
- ★ What will happen to your nest in rainy weather?
- ★ What works well and what could be improved?



★ Sharing your ideas

Take pictures of the best nests and make a display for Mrs Twitcher. Give a presentation on building birds' nests.



Congratulations!

You are now a brilliant bird's nest builder.
Collect your stickers and get ready for your next challenge.

★ Here are some extra things to do

- ★ Do birds with different shaped beaks make different nests?
- ★ Are there any unusual materials that birds use to make nests?
- ★ Find out if all birds build nests.

