

Nests

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On our walk around a local lake we discovered a swan sitting on her nest.



We were very quiet and didn't disturb her but decided to go back the next day with some wild bird seed to see if they were hungry. We made sure we were a long way from the nest and through some seed in the water. They swam across very quickly to eat it and seemed to like it a lot!



When we got home we had lots of fun collecting things to build a nest with, long bendy sticks, shorter sticks, leaves, moss, flowers and feathers.

That's when Ella's enthusiasm petered out but you can make a nest with mummy or daddy's help. And some string.

Instructions



1. To make a bird nest, start by collecting long, flexible plant stems like straw, vines, long grass, or bendy reeds.



2. Then, take a handful of stems, bend them into a loop, and secure the ends together with a piece of string or florist wire.



3. Use your hands to carefully press the small loop into the bottom of the nest. Or use a criss-cross effect.



4. Finally, decorate the nest with items like twigs or feathers for the bird's eggs to rest on.



5. Place your egg on the nest.