



Nest Challenge

Spring is the time for many birds to build a nest, ready to lay their eggs and bring up their chicks.

Your Challenge

Can you build a nest that could hold some eggs?

Look for materials on the woodland floor to build your nest with.

You could use



Now find somewhere to build your nest - perhaps a low fork in a tree or a sheltered spot on the ground.

When you have finished, look for several small stones, cones or other objects that could be your eggs. Place them in your nest to see if it will hold them.



For an extra challenge: a bird only has a beak to build their nest so try using just one hand or even just two fingers to build yours.



Give birds a helping hand

Birds will use different materials to build their nests depending on the size, where it is constructed and the number of eggs.

Leaving out some nest materials in your garden provides a wonderful opportunity to watch bird activity.

Bird friendly nesting material and some to avoid...

✓ Twigs or sticks, dead leaves, grass clippings or dead grass, human hair, feathers or animal fur, moss or lichen, pine needles

✗ cotton wool, synthetic or treated materials.