

# Garden Art Activity Pack

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This pack contains three different activities for you to do in your gardens including, a build-a-bird's nest challenge, how to make a rainbow out of natural materials, and a mini wild art activity! Take some time to look for different coloured petals and natural materials but try your best not to pick anything that is currently growing! There should be plenty of natural items on the ground such as petals, leaves and sticks for you to hunt for and use.

Don't forget to show us pictures of your creations by sharing photos with us on social media!



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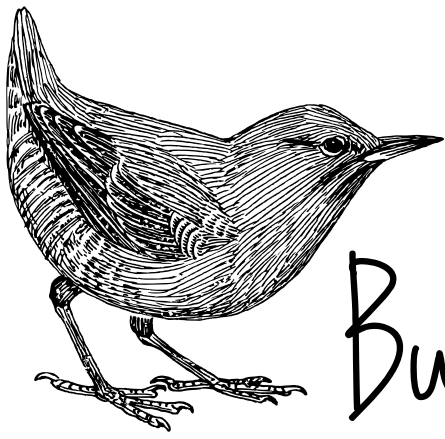


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# Build a Bird's Nest

Spend some time looking at different birds in your garden. You might see a magpie, a sparrow or maybe even a robin. As well as chirping and tucking into seeds and tasty worms, birds are also incredible engineers!

Each species of bird will have its own extraordinary nest-building methods, but they all share the same purpose - to protect their eggs and hatchlings.

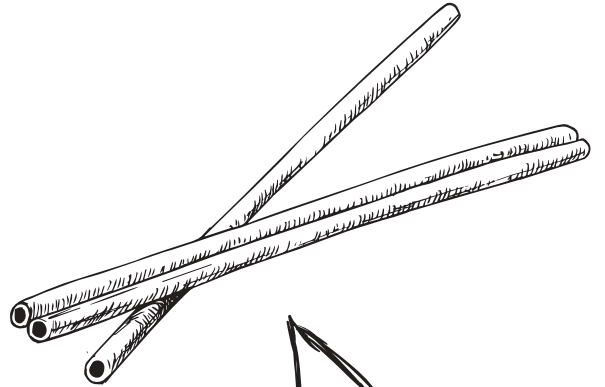
The best kind of nests need three things - cushion, shelter and camouflage. Different birds opt for different shapes but one of the most common types of nest-shape is the cup. Cups are often positioned along tree branches or in tree forks or may be nestled in any number of unique places (we once had a nest in our letterbox!)

Your task is to put your engineering hats on and build you own cup-shaped nest using natural materials (no glue or cellotape allowed, but you could try using a bit of gardeners wire!) Use our step-by-step instructions to help you, and make sure you send us a photo once you've completed it!

# You will need...



Moss



Sticks



Long grasses



Leaves



Willow branches



1. Take 2 twigs and bend them into a small circle shape.



2. Use gardeners wire or a pipe cleaner to tie the sticks together.



3. Use twigs and leaves to weave into a basket shape.



4. Add some moss or hay to your nest.



Finally, add something shiny and special!  
Ta-da! Your very own cup-shaped birds nest.

Once you're finished, don't forget to wash your hands!

# Land Art Rainbow

Make a rainbow out of natural materials in your gardens, or maybe even on your front lawn so that passersby can enjoy it, too!



- Find a sheltered, flat surface where you are going to make your art.
- Collect a few petals, leaves, grasses etc for each colour of the rainbow.
- Carefully tear the petals etc into smaller pieces.
- Arrange in a rainbow shape.
- Keep your rainbow sheltered from the wind, you don't want it to blow away!
- Remember to take a photo of your creation & share it with us @CHCBeeston!

\*\*Note to adults: ensure that no poisonous items are collected and that hands are washed after making the art.

# Wild Mini Art

Make your own work of art out of natural materials in your garden!



- Stick a strip of double-sided tape onto a small piece of card. If you don't have double-sided tape use sticky tape doubled over.
- Collect natural treasures from your garden to use in your picture. You could use petals, sticks, leaves, grasses, grit, bark, herbs -tiny things are best. Different textures look good as well.
- Now stick your garden treasures onto the sticky strip to create a picture.
- Maybe you could make a repeating pattern, a picture of your garden or a wood.
- Or, you could collect lots of different shades to make a changing colour bar.

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