



Build a birds' nest

Build your own birds' nest
 – would your eggs be safe?

Could you build a nest strong enough to hold a clutch of eggs and withstand the wind?

You will need:

- Dried grasses
- Twigs
- Sticks
- Fallen leaves
- Old cobwebs

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1 Look for a tree with a fork in one of its lower branches.

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2 Start building your nest. Remember, it needs to keep the eggs – and chicks! – safe. And it mustn't fall apart in the wind.

3 When you've finished building your nest, place several small stones or cones inside it. Can it take their weight without falling apart?

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4 Give the branch a little shake – are your eggs safe inside the nest?

For an extra challenge, build it with one hand. Birds only have their beaks, after all!

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