

MILK CARTON

Bird House

CONCEPT: Arts and crafts project- use a milk carton to create a bird house. Recycle a milk carton by making a house for your bird friends! Hang the birdhouse outside and watch birds flock to the feeder!

THIS FUN CRAFT PROJECT WILL TEACH CHILDREN ABOUT RECYCLING, HELP THEM CONNECT WITH WILDLIFE, AND HELP DEVELOP FINE MOTOR SKILLS.

Best for children ages 4 and up (requires the help of a parent).

WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

- Half gallon milk carton, washed and dried
- Construction paper in a variety of colors
- Hot glue or rubber cement (use with parental supervision)
- Colored markers, crayons, or paint
- String
- Scissors
- Popsicle stick (preferably jumbo sized)
- Craft knife (use with parental supervision)
- Bird seed

HOW TO MAKE A BIRD HOUSE:

1. Trace the sides of the milk carton onto colored construction paper, then cut out the paper.
2. Glue the paper onto the milk carton using craft glue or hot glue (with parental assistance). Each side of the carton should be covered.
3. Once the glue has dried, use crayons, markers or paint to decorate the outside of the milk carton.
4. Parents can use a craft knife to cut a 2" x 2" square in the front of the bird feeder, about 3 inches from the bottom of the carton.
5. With a hot glue gun or rubber cement, affix the popsicle stick (horizontally) directly below the square to create the "perch" for the birds to stand on when using the feeder.
6. Poke a hole at the top of the container and loop a string through the top to hang the bird house.
7. Gently fill the feeder with bird seed by scooping seed into the bottom of the feeder through the hole you cut.
8. Find a good place to hang the feeder and watch birds enjoy your custom bird house! Try to identify the birds you see and notice if the same birds are using the feeder every day.

