

# BLINK AT HOME

## BIRD NESTS

### What do birds need in their nests?

#### Skills to Develop

- + Science content knowledge
- + Science process skills
- + Fine motor skills

#### Materials

- + Bird nest photos [PDF]
- + Recycled materials: ribbon, sticks, popsicle sticks, rocks, yarn, paper
- + Building materials: K'nex, LEGOs
- + Crayons/markers/colored pencils

### WHAT TO DO

#### During the Learning Activity

1. Discuss what your child knows about birds nests. Ask: *why do birds build nests? What do birds use to build nests? How do birds build nests?*
2. Investigate bird nests by looking at the bird nest photos [PDF]. Invite your child to share their observations and note similarities and differences between nests. Discuss how various nests help keep bird eggs safe and warm and what materials are found in nest construction.
3. Invite your child to create a bird nest. Ask: *what size eggs need to fit in your nest? How will you keep the eggs from falling out? How will the eggs stay the right temperature? What materials will you use? Does the nest need to be up high or down low? How many eggs will the nest hold?*
4. Once your child has finished their nest, invite them to place plastic eggs or small object into the nest to test how well their nest holds eggs. Ask: *do the eggs stay in the nest? If you blow on the eggs, will they stay in the nest? How many eggs can safely fit in your nest? Are there any changes you need to make to your nest?*
5. Invite your child to make changes to their nest to help the eggs stay safe and warm.

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#### Extend the Fun

- + Investigate other types of bird nests and recreate them using art materials.
- + Pretend to be birds and build a nest without using your thumbs.

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Bird nest photos: Print and use



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