

## Nest Building Challenge

1. Watch: The Best Nest by P.D. Eastman
  - a. <http://www.viewpure.com/cXr67lj1bmc?start=0&end=0>
2. Talk about what would make a good birds nest.
3. Using found materials (either materials found in nature or around the house) make a birds nest.
4. Test your nest using eggs (your eggs could be real chicken eggs, marbles, plastic eggs, etc). How many eggs could your nest hold? Is there anything you could change to make your nest stronger?



Extension: Draw your nest and label the materials that you used.

## Bird Beak Exploration

Read: Beaks and/or Peck, Peck, Peck, found in the bird collection on Epic.

Using different materials, learn about how bird beaks play a role in what birds eat.

Materials:

"Beaks" - spoons, chopsticks, tongs, forks, tweezers, pliers, clothes pins.

"Food" - pasta, rubber bands, dried beans, marshmallows, coins, gummy worms, raisins, marbles, other small items found around the house.

Instruction:

1. Set up the "food" that you have collected on a flat surface.
2. Make predictions on which "beaks" will be best for picking which "food,"
3. Try out each of the "beaks" - Which foods were the easier to pick up? Which were the most difficult.

## Make Your Own Bird Finders

### Materials:

- Two toilet paper rolls
- String or ribbon
- Glue
- Scissors
- Craft supplies for decorations



### Instructions:

1. Decorate the two toilet paper rolls.
2. Glue the two toilet paper rolls together.
3. Make small holes on the outside of each toilet paper tube.
4. Use the string or ribbon to make a strap for your bird finders.
5. Search for birds and record your observations in your bird book.

## Make Your Own Sidewalk chalk paint

By <https://ladyandtheblog.com/how-to-make-diy-sidewalk-chalk-paint/>

### Materials:

- 2 cups cornstarch
- 2 cups water
- Food colouring
- Containers or cups
- Paints brush

### Instructions:

1. Mix water and cornstarch.
2. Divide mixture into containers.
3. Add food colouring of your choice to each container.
4. Start painting!

