

BUILD A NEST!

**WHAT DO ANIMALS NEED? SHELTER!
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Go outside and try to find a nest in a tree. Observe it. Can you see the animal that lives in it? If you can't find a nest learn about them in this video and then build one and put it in a tree or bush for an animal to adopt.

Questions:

How do birds and squirrels build nests?

Answer:

Birds use their beaks to gather and collect materials. They use their beaks, feet, and even their bellies to create the actual nest, which might take a few days or a few weeks to build, depending on the type of bird. Birds are wonderful builders and it is always fun to get outside and look for their homes. In the fall and winter, it is easy to spot their nests in bare limbs of a tree. In the Spring and Summer, you might find a nest by watching where birds go and listening for baby birds calling their mom. If you find a nest in the Summer and Spring, never remove it and be sure to watch it quietly.

Squirrels build nests in tops of trees mostly out of leaves. If it is Fall season and leaves are on the ground, try building a leaf nest on the ground that could cover YOU up and provide shelter.

Once you find a nest, it is time to become a true naturalist! Take notes of the nest's shape, how it was made, and what materials were used to construct the nest. Now it is time to test your nest building skills. Collect materials such as grasses, leaves, twigs, fiber and mud. Try building your own nest out of these materials.

FLIPGRID Science Challenge: Build a Nest: Take a photo or video of the animal nest you observed and of your nest that you built and send it to your teacher.

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