

# ***BUILD A BIRD'S NEST***

***WHEN YOU ARE LEARNING ABOUT BIRDS IN THE SPRING, A FUN ACTIVITY YOU CAN DO WITH YOUR KIDS IS TO MAKE YOUR OWN NEST. YOUR KIDS CAN "FLY" AROUND THE GARDEN OR AVAILABLE OUTDOOR SPACE AS IF THEY WERE BIRDS, SEARCHING FOR MATERIALS FROM WHICH TO BUILD THEIR NEST.***

***YOU WANT TO START WITH A BASE, OR A PLACE TO BUILD YOUR NEST. YOU CAN GRAB ONE OF THOSE POTTERY DISHES THAT GO UNDER A LARGE POTTED PLANT. OR GRAB A TRAY FROM YOUR KITCHEN. OR YOU CAN JUST BUILD YOUR NEST ON THE GROUND OR IN A TREE.***

## ***MATERIALS***

- ***TWIGS AND STICKS***
- ***DEAD LEAVES***
- ***MOSS AND LICHEN***
- ***WHEAT STALKS***
- ***DEAD GRASS***
- ***BARK FROM TREES***
- ***DEAD WEEDS***
- ***FLUFF FROM FLOWERS***
- ***WET MUD***



## ***HOW TO PUT TOGETHER YOUR NEST:***

- ***YOU WILL WANT TO MIX SOME DIRT AND WATER TO CREATE YOUR GLUE. BIRDS SOMETIMES USE SPIDER WEBS OR OTHER STICKY PLANTS TO KEEP THEIR NEST TOGETHER INSTEAD OF MUD, BUT MANY BIRDS USE MUD.***
- ***START ARRANGING YOUR DRY GRASS, LEAVES, PINE NEEDLES, TWIGS AND OTHER DEBRIS INTO A NEST SHAPE. USE THE MUD TO GLUE IT ALL TOGETHER. MAKE IT NICE AND SOFT BY ADDING MOSS AND FLUFF TO LINE THE INSIDE OF THE NEST.***
- ***NOW YOU CAN PLACE SOME OVAL-SHAPED ROCKS INTO THE NEST TO MAKE IT LOOK LIKE A BIRD LAID EGGS THERE.***

***LEARNING POINT: LOOK BELOW & DISCUSS THE DIFFERENT BIRDS AND PLACES THEY BUILD NESTS***

