

Before you start →

Tips on choosing a container

Consider the size of the bird and try and make a nest which will hug it snugly. Just like babies, young birds feel safer in a nest that fits them quite snugly. If it is too big, they will feel insecure and get cold quickly. For larger birds, containers like old 1L- 2L icecream tubs can be used. For smaller birds, bottom of milk cartons or 2L soft drink bottles are great. Appropriately sized, strong cardboard boxes can also be good. Do not use very soft cardboard, like tissue boxes, as these may disintegrate in rain quite quickly.

TO START

You will need:

- 1 x container
- 1 X paint brush
- Eco friendly green / brown paint
- Paint tray & water
- Scissors and a sharp skewer or Stanley knife
- Cotton string
- Natural fabric strips
- Shredded paper (or shredded coconut)
- Soft natural wool (or animal hair)



Step 1:

Make at least 3 holes in the bottom of the container (for drainage) and 4 holes on the sides (for attaching to branch)



Step 2(optional):

Paint the outside of container with eco-friendly paint



Step 3:

Clear any paint out of the holes



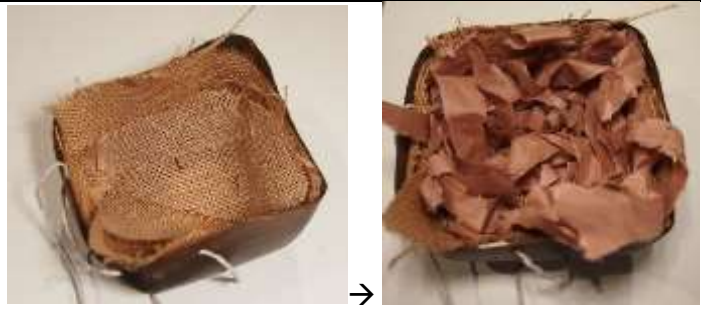
Step 4:

String the cotton string through 2 sides of the container, leaving long threads to use to tie the container to the tree or branch



Step 5:

Line with strips of natural fabric and shredded paper or shredded coconut or soft dry leaves and twigs – what can we use that all people would have at home?



Step 6:

Add a soft inner lining of natural wool fibres animal hair



TO END

Place the nestling in the nest and tie it to a tree or branch close to where the baby was found or where the parents are



MONITOR

Make sure parents accept the baby and continue to feed and care for it.



Well done!! You have helped a baby bird in the BEST possible way!!