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GRAB N' GO ACTIVITY:
Build A Bird Nest

OVERVIEW:

Spring is the time for many birds to build a nest, ready for egg laying and bringing up their hatched chicks. Have the children build their own bird nest.

MATERIALS:

- Groups of 2-4 children
- Sticks, grass, leaves, fabric, string (anything that a bird would use to make a nest)

EXTRA FUN:

If you want to give the children an extra challenge, tell them to try using just one hand – the bird only has its beak after all! If there are two or more of them in a group, they could use one hand each and work together to build the nest.



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Ages: 5 - 13

Time: 30 - 45 minutes

PROCEDURE:

- Step 1.** Create groups in the classroom of about 2 - 4 children each. Then head outside with the children, or have them bring stuff from home that could be used to make a nest.
- Step 2.** Look for materials on the ground that you could use – for example dried grasses, twigs, sticks, and lichen.
- Step 3.** Head to the classroom and or find a low fork in a tree and build your nest there.
- Step 4.** Put small rocks or marbles (something that resembles bird eggs) inside their nests.
- Step 5.** Gently shake the tree and see if the nest stays in the branches. The ones who build the strongest nest win a prize!