

Beavers My Outdoors Challenge Badge

Make Something To Help Animals In The Wild. It Could Be A Bird Box Or A Bug Hotel

Easy Recycled Can Birdhouse[©]

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Overview

For this task the children will make their own easy ‘Recycled Can Birdhouses’.

Preparation Before The Meeting

1. Ask each child to bring in a washed can or empty small paint pot for the following week
2. Print out the ‘Birdhouse Pictures’ handout – found in this document – you need one between four children

Materials Needed Per Birdhouse

- Washed can or small paint pot
- Small piece of thin wood stick for the perch or you can find some strong twigs outside to use
- Small amount of glue to stick the perch to the can
- Acrylic paint, paintbrushes
- Twine or ribbon to hang around the can
- Bird seed suited to your local wild birds
- Newspaper as a worksurface and to protect your tables

Preparation At The Meeting

1. Lay out the materials for each table

Directions/Leader Speak

1. **Speak** - For the last task in your ‘My Outdoors Challenge’ badge you need to make something to help animals in the wild. I have chosen for you to make a little birdhouse
2. **Speak** - I am going to show you some pictures of the sort of design you can make for your birdhouse before you start. Then you can choose how you would like it to look
3. **Action** – Handout the ‘Birdhouse Pictures’ handout to each group of four
4. **Direction** – Paint the cans and wait for them to dry
5. **Direction** – Add any decoration or other paint design on top
6. **Direction** – Glue the wooden perch to the inside of the can (use the pictures to help you)
7. **Direction** – Tie the ribbon around the can then loop through a long piece that will attach to a tree branch or something similar

Can Birdhouse Pictures



This uses two pieces of ribbon one is tied around the can first. Then the other piece is looped through then tied to the branch



This uses twine. A hole has been made at the bottom of the can and the twine was thread through then tied to the branch



This uses a strong twig for its perch



This uses shells as a decoration