

## Make a Recycled Twig Bird House <http://www.education.com/activity/article/recycled-twig-birdhouse/>

Your child can turn an old milk carton into a unique and quaint birdhouse with the help of some twigs from the yard and a hot glue gun! Birds love a place to get out of the rain or cozy up during cold weather. Along with making a cute new house for birds, your child will learn more about birds native to your neighborhood!

### What You Need:

- Small 1-quart milk carton
- Twigs
- Hot glue gun
- Small juice glass
- Marker
- Scissors
- Hole punch

### What You Do:

1. Head outside with your child and pick up some twigs from around your yard and neighborhood. While out for the nature walk, your child can get a closer look at any birds native to your area! More research about native birds can be done at your local library or on the Internet as well.
2. Invite your child to use a ruler to measure the sides of the carton to help determine how long the twigs should be. Give the milk carton a good rinse to make sure it's clean before beginning the project.
3. Now use the ruler to measure the twigs and then cut them with scissors so there is a good stack of twigs for the birdhouse. While measuring and cutting, your child can also plug in the hot glue gun to get warmed up.
4. Before beginning to cover the milk carton, invite your child to cut a small hole in one side of the carton for the birds to get in and out of their new home! To help make a circle, use a small juice glass as a stencil for the hole.
5. Next have your child use a hole punch to make a hole at the top of the carton, to use for hanging later.
6. Now your child can begin attaching the twigs to the birdhouse, working slowly and gluing the twigs as close together as possible so none of the milk carton shows through!
7. Be sure to cut the twigs to fit around the entry hole, and also the hole at the top of the carton.
8. Once the birdhouse is finished, your child can thread a string through the top hole and hang in a tree where everyone can see which birds decide to call it their new home!

