

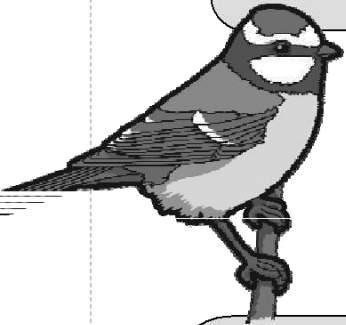
# Build your own bird nest!

Hopefully, you will be able to watch the bird in your nest box build their nest. If a bird can build a nest, it can't be that difficult..... can it????



Are you as clever as a blue tit?  
 Your challenge is to see if you can  
 build a nest like a blue tit!

1. You will need something to build your nest in... a plastic container or small box will do.



In order to build my nest, I need to gather materials such as grass, moss, hay and dead leaves.

2. You will need to collect materials to build your nest... where are you going to look? Think about where the birds might go to collect materials.

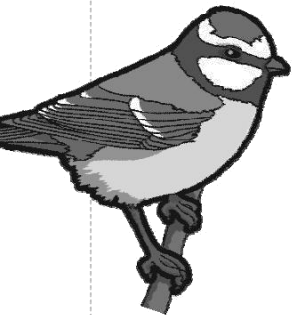
3. Now, you have to try and use your materials to construct the nest... try weaving and pushing the materials together to form an outer cup, then build it up until it is about 2 cm deep.

I only have my beak to create my nest... imagine collecting all the materials and building your nest using only tweezers!



I search for feathers, soft moss or sometimes pet or animal hair to line my nest.

4. Once you are happy with your nest shape, then it needs to be lined. The lining needs to be soft... perfect for eggs to be laid into. You will need to search for soft materials...



What is your finished nest like? Is  
 it as good as a real blue tit nest?  
 How does your nest compare to others in the class?