

“Be a Biologist”

Job Task:

You are a biologist, a scientist who studies life and living things. Most, but not all, birds lay their eggs in a nest. A nest provides shelter and a nice warm place for the parent birds to care for their eggs and chicks. It also helps hide the eggs from predators and it protects them from bad weather and storms. After a storm, you discover a bird nest that has been destroyed, leaving the two eggs unprotected. Your job is to construct a model nest that can protect and support the two eggs.

Time Frame: 1-2 hours

Materials:

- Natural nesting materials (i.e., bark, feathers, grass, leaves, pet hair, pine straw, twigs, etc.)
- Man-made nesting materials (i.e., cardboard, paper, pipe cleaners, string, etc.)
- Two items to represent eggs (i.e., faux eggs, marshmallows, ping pong balls, etc.)

Procedure:

1. Gather your materials.
 2. Construct a nest.
 3. Test your nest.
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