



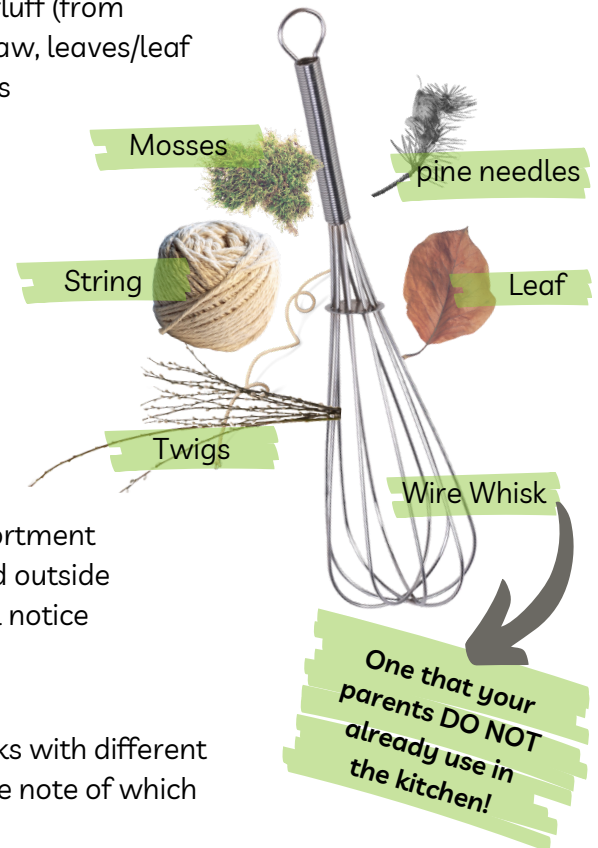
Nest Helper

The Spring season brings warmer weather and the right environment for many animals to have babies. Right now, many birds are working hard to find different materials to build their nests. You can make the search a little easier for these birds with this activity!

Materials: Wire whisk, string, dry grass (untreated), plant fluff (from cottonwoods or bulrushes), bark strips, hay, straw, leaves/leaf mulch, dead twigs, pine needles, mosses/lichens

Directions:

- 1** Go on a walk with your family and see how many different species of birds you can name. Check out [eBird Canada](https://ebird.org/canada) for species lists for your area!
- 2** While you are on your walk, gather any of the above materials that you can find.
- 3** Next, you'll need the whisk. Stuff it with your assortment of nesting materials. Once the whisk is filled, head outside and hang it up high where you think the birds will notice it (for example, on a tree or a fence)!
- 4** **Want to take it further?** Try filling several whisks with different nesting materials. Keep an eye on them and make note of which materials your local birds prefer!



Alternative Activity:

Spending the day inside? Get out your craft supplies and draw your nest instead. Decorate your drawing with string, pipe-cleaners or other craft supplies. Don't forget to draw the local animal that lives there!



Did you know?

Some birds don't make their own nests and instead use nests that have been abandoned by other birds!

