

Birds need nests!



It's Spring time and birds are busy building their nests!

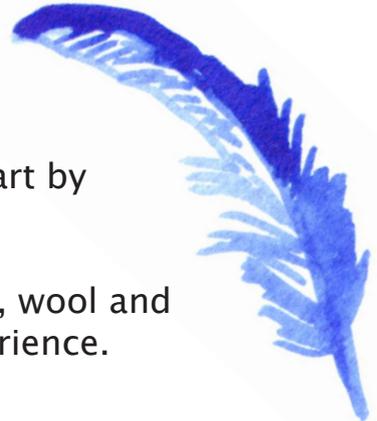
This pack is bursting with spring time ideas for you and your little ones to do at home together. The activities are aimed at under 5's but all of the family can get involved! Exploring materials, making marks, stacking, sorting, building, singing, listening but most importantly playing together!



What's in the box?

The eggs all feel different to each other! Start by exploring the eggs together.

For more sensory exploration, try the raffia, wool and feathers for a scrunchy and soft fluffy experience.



Making Marks

Use the black paper to try out mark making with the chinks – allow your child to find out for themselves what marks they can make with the chalk.

Try the white paper or an egg box to make marks with crayons. You could decorate the wooden egg with the egg crayon or paint if you have some at home.

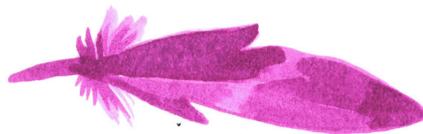


Making with Egg Boxes

Egg boxes are great as sorting trays, for stacking and amazing for construction. Perhaps you already keep your egg boxes for making things?

Here's how to make a little bird and some more egg box inspiration: <http://www.tickylowe.com/making-sense/>

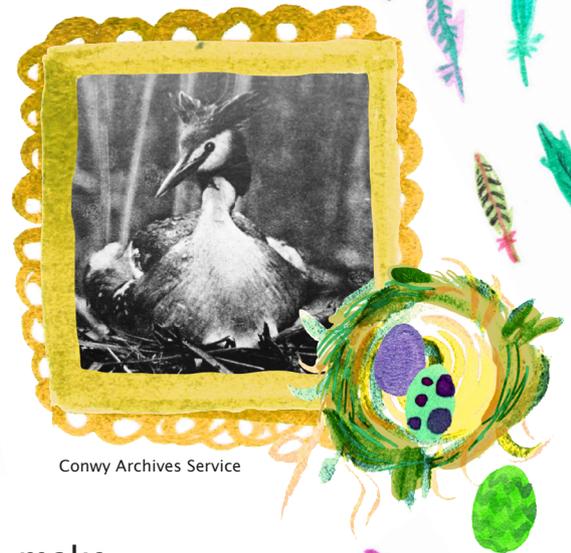
Some other egg box ideas to do together:



Making a cosy nest

A nest is a cosy and safe place for a bird to lay eggs.

You can use the raffia, wool and feathers to make a nest and put it somewhere safe. You could put the eggs and the birds that you make in the nest!



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Use cushions and blankets to make yourselves a nest in your living room!

Exotic birds

On black paper try using the feathers to create an exotic bird collage.



Do you know this rhyme?

Use your egg shaker to add some rhythm!

*Mi welais Jac y Daw
yn eistedd ar ben to;
het wen ar ei ben a dwy goes bren
ho-ho-ho-ho-ho-ho*



Did you know that in Conwy, people that were born within the towns medieval walls were known as Jackdaws!

Feed the birds

Here's an easy way to make a bird feeder out of an egg box!

