CARTON CRAFT ACTIVITY
BIRDHOUSE
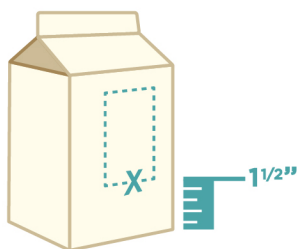
PLANTCARTON Life®

When your cartons are finished housing milk and juice, they can be upcycled into a home for birds! This craft is an eco-friendly, fun way to get the most out of your packaging choice.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- ☐ Half-gallon milk or juice carton
- ☐ Ruler
- ☐ Pen or permanent marker
- ☐ Acrylic paint, brush, and smock
- ☐ Strong glue or a glue gun
- ☐ Popsicle Sticks
- ☐ Decorations like buttons, stickers or colorful paper
- ☐ Birdseed
- ☐ Scissors
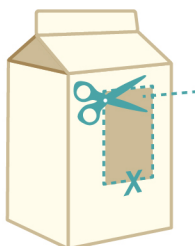
STEP 1
On the front of your milk carton, using a ruler, measure 1½ inches up from the bottom of the carton and mark your measurement using a pen.

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STEP 2
Draw a rectangle on your carton similar to the illustration shown next to Step 1.

STEP 3
Have an adult help you to cut out the door of your birdhouse using your scissors.

STEP 4
Paint your carton using your paint brush and acrylic paints.

STEP 5
Once your paint has dried, cut or break 5 to 7 popsicle sticks in half. Glue the popsicle stick halves one by one onto each side of the top of your carton to create the roof of your birdhouse.

(Avoid the plastic cap if your carton has one.)

STEP 6
Cut a small ¼ inch slit in the center of the carton front, right below the door hole (if you need help, ask an adult). Place a full popsicle stick into this hole so that most of the stick is hanging out of the front side of your carton. Secure the popsicle stick in-place with glue. This is where the birds will perch while they are eating.

STEP 7
Use the stickers, buttons, and patterned paper to decorate your birdhouse. Use the glue to attach the buttons and patterned paper. Don't forget to decorate the roof and perch!

STEP 8
Once the glue is dry, fill the bottom inch of your carton up with birdseed.

STEP 9
Set or hang your finished birdhouse outside and watch the birds enjoy your awesomely repurposed creation!

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