

EDIBLE BIRD NEST



To Make Your Treat, You Will Need:

- 4 Cups of Any of:
 - Chow Mein Noodles
 - Vermicelli Noodles
 - Shredded Wheat (Crush Shreddies)
- 3 Cups Marshmallows
- 3 TSP Butter
- Cocoa Powder (Optional)
- Chocolate Eggs
- Muffin Wrappers (Optional)

1. Wash hands!
2. Heat marshmallows and butter for 45 s in the microwave. Mix and heat again for 45 s.
3. Pour into a large pot at low heat on the stove. Add cocoa if desired. Heat and stir until the 'mud' is gooey!
4. Add crushed grasses and twigs (wheat or noodles) to the mud. Stir until the dry materials are thoroughly coated in goo!
5. Place small amounts into muffin wrappers on a baking sheet. Alternatively, place into piles on a parchment lined baking sheet.
6. Shape each gooey mix into a bird nest!
7. Allow to cool, add eggs, and enjoy!

BONUS: Look at nests in your yard or online for inspiration. Challenge yourself to make your own with the materials that the birds themselves used (twigs, grasses, moss, mud, etc).



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PINE CONE OWL



To Make Your Owl, You Will Need:

- Body (Dry Pine Cones)
- Fluff (Lichen, Moss, Batting, or Stuffing)
- Eyes (Bark, Felt, or Googly Eyes)
- Beak (Bark, Felt, or Craft Paper)
- Wings (Bark, Felt, or Craft Paper)
- Feet (Pine Cones, Twigs, or Stones)
- Hot Glue Gun
- Markers

1. Ensure your pine cones are dry. If they are closed, you may need to dry the pine cones. Bake pine cones in the oven at 175°F on a parchment lined baking sheet. Note: Higher temperatures may cause pine cones to explode! Allow to cool.
2. Weave your fluff material between the scales of the pine cones to your desired level of 'fluffiness'.
3. Cut or break your materials to the desired shape for the eyes, beak, and wings. Hot glue these to the pine cone.
4. Use the markers to add desired features to the eyes, beak, and wings.
5. Hot glue your feet material to the bottom. Your owlet is complete!

BONUS: Hide the owls indoors or in the yard to create a camouflage scavenger hunt!



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