

# DECORATE A BIRD BOX

Encourage birds to nest at your school by putting up bird boxes. Bird boxes should be placed 2-4m above the ground, facing north east to avoid strong sunlight and the worst weather. It is important to clean and disinfect bird boxes in the winter so they are clean for the following spring.



## MATERIALS

- A bird box (buy ready-made ones or kits to make yourself)
- Non toxic, weatherproof paint in dark or natural colours (such as Cuprinol Garden Shades)
- Paint brushes
- Water to wash the brush
- Newspaper to cover the area you're working in
- Outdoor glue
- **Extra materials** to camouflage the box:
  - ◊ bark
  - ◊ twigs
  - ◊ leaves...
  - ◊ whatever you can find!



## STEP 1. DRAW YOUR DESIGN

Use a pencil to draw flowers, birds and insects onto your box.

## STEP 2. PAINT THE BOX.

Paint the outside of your box with the non-toxic paint and wait for it to dry.

## STEP 3. CAMOUFLAGE THE BOX.

Attach the leaves, twigs, moss or bark to the box with outdoor glue, to help make it look more natural.



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