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Offspring in Our Community – Bird Nests

Baby birds hatch from eggs. They are very small. They need a safe place to grow. Birds grow in nests.



Some bird parents build nests of grass. Some use twigs. Some use bits of paper and string. They use spit and mud for glue. The mother and father birds work together to make a nest.

Hawks and eagles build high, flat nests. They are on top of the tallest trees. The babies never fall out.

Bluebirds and chickadees like holes
They put leaves inside to make it soft and



Blue jays like to steal bits of trash. They may put gum papers or string in their nests. You might see Christmas tinsel or candy wrappers there.



Robins make the best nests of all. They weave twigs very tight. They glue them together with mud. The nests are very strong. Mother and father robin come back to their nest every year. They make it bigger and stronger for the babies.

Birds stay in the nest until they can fly. The parents bring them food and scare away animals. They grow bigger and stronger.

But soon the birds must leave the nest. They must learn to fly and find their own food. They grow to be like their parents.

How is a nest like your home? Draw a nest you have found.

