

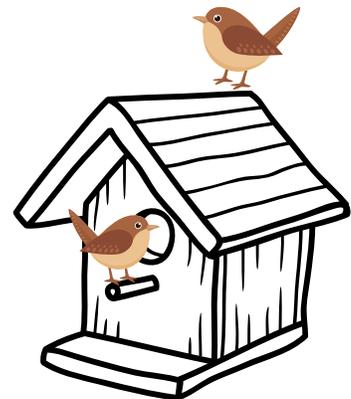
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You will need a parent or trusted adult to help you with this activity!

The St. Vincent Wren, a little bird found only on the island of St. Vincent (St. Vincent and the Grenadines). Wrens can be found in forests but also urban areas. Let's make our gardens, schoolyards, and neighborhoods safe for all of our backyard birds by building bird-friendly shelters like this birdhouse. Together we can help create cities and communities where people and birds can thrive together!

With a parent or trusted adult, gather these materials:

- One empty 1L cardboard juice or milk container (clean and dry)
If yours is in the refrigerator, you can wait a few days until it's empty or ask a neighbor if they have an empty juice or milk container.
- Popsicle sticks (about 20–24)
- Acrylic paints
- Paint brushes
- Glue gun and glue sticks
- Scissors
- Hole punch (handheld)
- A small stick (6–7" long) for a perch
- Twine for hanging
- A circular object, big enough, to trace an entrance hole for the birds



Let's make a birdhouse!

1. Clean & Prepare the Juice/Milk Container

Make sure your container is thoroughly washed and dry. Remove any stickers or residue.

2. Make the Entrance

Trace a small circle near the top of the front panel and carefully cut it out. This will be the birdhouse entrance. Punch a smaller hole underneath it for the perch.

3. Paint & Decorate

Get creative! Paint your birdhouse in bright or natural colors. Let it dry completely.

4. Make and Paint the Roof

Before gluing on the roof, punch two holes near the top edge of the carton (on opposite sides) and thread the twine through to create a loop for hanging. Next, paint your popsicle sticks (or use pre-colored ones). Once they're dry, glue them side by side across the flat top of the carton to form a simple slanted roof.

5. Add the Perch

Insert your small outdoor stick into the hole below the entrance. Glue it securely in place from the inside and outside.

6. Final Touches

Decorate with markers- maybe draw a St. Vincent Wren or your favourite backyard bird or add some native flowers and leaves!

