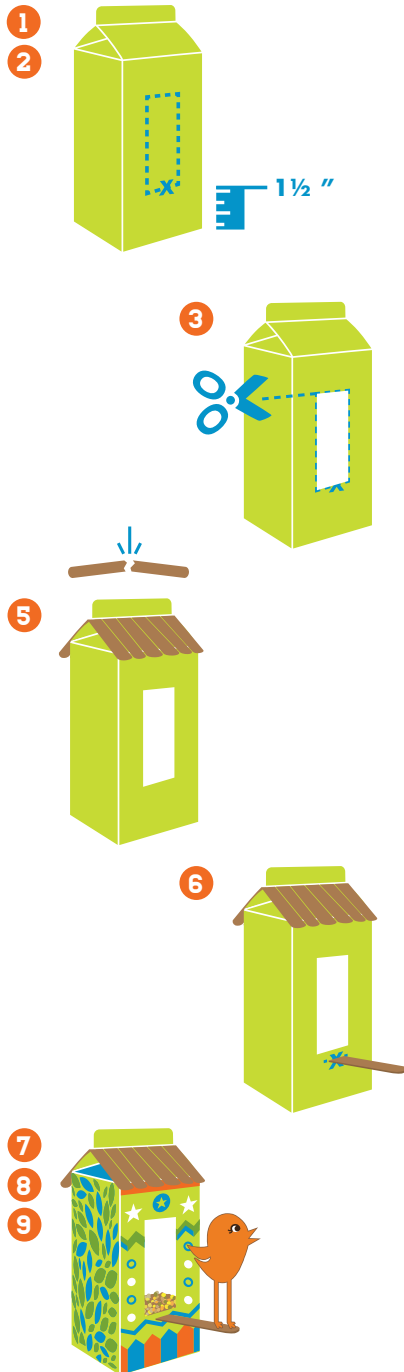


CARTON BIRDHOUSE

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
- Door Stencil (print out here)
- Acrylic paint, brush, and smock
- Strong glue or a glue gun
- Popsicle Sticks
- Decorations, i.e. buttons, stickers or colorful paper
- Birdseed

STEP 1 On the front of your milk carton, using a ruler, measure 1 ½ inches up from the bottom of the carton and mark your measurement using a pen

STEP 2 Line up the bottom of your door stencil with the mark you made on the front of your carton in STEP 1 and trace the outline of the door stencil onto your carton using a pen.

STEP 3 Following the line you traced in STEP 2, have an adult help you to cut out the door of your birdhouse using an X-Act knife.

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 (avoiding the plastic cap) to create the roof of your birdhouse.

STEP 6 Cut a small ¼ inch slit in the center of the carton front, right below the door hole (*ask an adult if you need help*). 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 your finished birdhouse outside and watch the birds enjoy your awesomely recycled creation!

BIRDHOUSE: DOOR STENCIL

CUT OUT THIS RECTANGLE TO USE AS THE STENCIL FOR YOUR BIRDHOUSE'S DOOR. OR CREATE YOUR OWN DOOR STENCIL IF YOU'D PREFER!

