

Lolly Stick Bird House



You will need

- ✓ Wooden lolly sticks
- ✓ Scissors
- ✓ Glue
- ✓ String (to attach the bird house to a tree)

Introduction

Make this colourful lolly stick bird house to brighten up your garden!

Instructions

Step 1



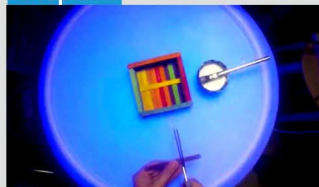
Make the base (and roof): lay 11 sticks tightly and neatly in parallel then glue 3 sticks horizontally (top, middle and bottom) to stop the 11 sticks from separating. Repeat this and set one base aside as it will be used for the roof later.

Step 2



Add the walls: lay 2 sticks, each on opposite edges of the square and glue in position onto your base. Repeat with two further sticks on the other two sides. Repeat until each wall of the house is 8 sticks high.

Step 3



Create the entrance: cut 9 lolly sticks into equal thirds (i.e. each piece of stick will be roughly 2.5 cm long) and discard the middle, rough-edged thirds so that you end up with 18 pieces of lolly stick that all have one rounded end.

Step 4



Continue building the walls as in step 2, but use the smaller, rounded end pieces for one side of the house with the rounded end facing each other so that the bird isn't snagged on the way in or out.

Step 5



Once the cut pieces are used up, continue building the wall upwards until there are an additional 8 or 9 sticks above the entry hole.

Step 6



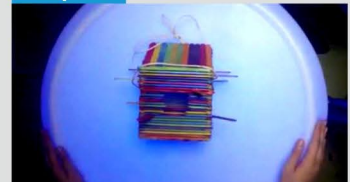
Create the roof: extend the back wall (i.e. the wall opposite the entrance) by gluing a further 20 lolly sticks directly on top of each other. Once the glue is dry on this wall extension, glue your roof piece (made in step 1) so that it slants from the back wall down to the front wall to create a sloping roof.

Step 7



Add perches: cut a few lolly sticks in half, add a dab of glue to one end of each and push each stick in between gaps in the walls so that there are a couple of extra perches on the front and sides of the house.

Step 8



Tie string either under the roof or around some of the perches so that the bird house balances and can be suspended.