

11 DIY Bird House Building Ideas to Attract and Retain Birds

Looking for a fun and rewarding project? Build one of these 11 DIY bird houses to attract and retain birds in your backyard. These bird houses are easy to build and can be made from a variety of materials, so you're sure to find one that fits your style and needs.



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1. Simple Wooden Bird House

This simple wooden bird house is a great project for beginners. It's made from just a few pieces of wood and can be assembled in less than an hour. The finished bird house measures 6"x6"x8" and is perfect for small birds like wrens and chickadees.



Materials:

* 1x6 pine board (cut to 12"x12") * 1x4 pine board (cut to 6"x6") * 1/2" plywood (cut to 6"x6") * 1/4" dowel (cut to 4") * Wood glue * Nails * Screws

Instructions:

1. Cut the 1x6 pine board into two pieces, each measuring 12"x6". These pieces will form the front and back of the bird house.
2. Cut the 1x4 pine board into two pieces, each measuring 6"x6". These pieces will form the sides of the bird house.
3. Cut the 1/2" plywood into a circle measuring 6" in diameter. This piece will form the roof of the bird house.
4. Assemble the bird house by gluing and nailing the sides to the front and back pieces.
5. Attach the roof to the bird house by gluing and nailing it to the top edges of the sides.
6. Drill a hole in the center of the roof for the dowel perch.
7. Insert the dowel perch into the hole.
8. Hang the bird house in a tree or on a post in your backyard.

2. Recycled Plastic Bottle Bird House

This recycled plastic bottle bird house is a great way to upcycle old plastic bottles. It's easy to make and can be customized to any size or shape.



Materials:

* Plastic bottle (2-liter or larger) * Scissors * Utility knife * Duct tape * Twine or wire

Instructions:

1. Cut the top off of the plastic bottle, about 1/3 of the way down. 2. Cut a hole in the side of the bottle, large enough for birds to enter and exit. 3. Cut a small hole in the bottom of the bottle for drainage. 4. Duct tape the edges of the hole to prevent sharp edges. 5. Thread twine or wire through the holes in the top of the bottle and hang it from a tree or post.

3. Wooden Pallet Bird House

This wooden pallet bird house is a great way to reuse old wooden pallets. It's sturdy and durable, and can be painted or stained to match your home's décor.



Materials:

* Wooden pallet (disassembled) * Wood screws * Drill * Paint or stain (optional)

Instructions:

1. Disassemble the wooden pallet by removing the nails. 2. Cut the pallet wood into the following pieces:

* 2 pieces (12"x6") for the front and back of the bird house * 2 pieces (6"x6") for the sides of the bird house * 1 piece (6"x4") for the roof of the bird house * 1 piece (4"x4") for the floor of the bird house

3. Assemble the bird house by screwing the sides to the front and back pieces. 4. Attach the roof to the bird house by screwing it to the top edges of the sides. 5. Attach the floor to the bird house by screwing it to the bottom edges of the sides. 6. Paint or stain the bird house (optional). 7. Hang the bird house in a tree or on a post in your backyard.

4. Log Cabin Bird House

This log cabin bird house is a charming addition to any backyard. It's made from real logs and has a rustic look that will blend in with any natural setting.



Materials:

* Logs (cut to 6"

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