

Homemade Birdhouses for Kids to Make

Supplies Needed:

- 2 Litre Cardboard Juice or Milk Carton
- Popsicle sticks
- Acrylic Paint in preferred colors
- Paint brush
- Glue Gun
- Glue Sticks
- Scissors
- Glitter
- Circular Handheld Hole Punch
- 6-7" Stick from outside
- Twine

Step 1: Clean

The first thing you need to do is clean your carton and let it dry.

Step 2: Cut

Next, take off the lid and cut off the plastic part of the pour spout (if your carton has that). Some cartons have the fold and pour spout, and if so, then you can skip this step.

The reason you need to cut off the plastic pour spout is that it sticks up too far for the popsicle stick roof you will be putting on, so just cut the plastic down and don't worry about putting the lid back on.



Step 3: Trace

Using a circular shaped bottle (like a glitter bottle) trace a circle on the front of your carton near the top and cut out with scissors. This will be the hole for your bird to enter your bird house.

Step 4: Punch

Next, using a circular hole punch, punch a hole about 1/2" below the large circle you just cut out. This will be for a perch stick. Make sure your hole is in the middle so the perch stick will be centered. You will need to squeeze pretty hard, as the cardboard can be a little thick.

Step 5: Paint & Glitter

Now it's time to paint! Using whatever colors you want, paint your birdhouse. You can add glitter at this time as well.

Step 6: Dry

After your birdhouse is all painted, let it dry.



Step 7: Paint Again

Paint your popsicle sticks whatever colors you want. You will need about 20-24 for your roof.

Step 8: Heat Up

Plug in your glue gun and get it heating up.

Step 9: String

Punch a hole in the top of the carton, right above the pour spout, in the middle. Insert a piece of twine, rope, yarn, fishing line, etc. Whatever you want to hang your birdhouse with. You need to add this before you glue the roof on.



Step 10: Roof

Once your birdhouse is dry, it's time to add the popsicle stick roof. Using the glue gun, glue the popsicle sticks right next to each other, on the top, making a roof.

Make sure you fit them right at the top of the carton line to make a roof top.

Step 11: Perch

Now, find a good straight stick that you can insert snugly into the small hole you punched in the front for the perch.

Add some glue to the end and push the stick all the way back into your carton so it's gluing to the inside panel of the carton – so that the stick will stay in place securely. Once it's in place, add a little glue around the hole in front so the stick will securely stay in place.



Step 12: Decorate

It's time to put your finishing touches on your homemade birdhouse. You could draw flowers and butterflies with glitter pens or add glow in the dark stars.



Use what you already have to decorate your birdhouse!

You are done!