

How to make your own:

# European nightjar nest!

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## You will need:

- Nightjar body, wing, and eggs templates
- Cardboard
- Sticky tape and glue
- Scissors
- Pens, pencils, or paint
- Paper plate
- Paper scraps
- Dried grass, twigs, and leaves

## Fun Facts!

- Nightjars are the least fussy nesters; they make their nests directly on the ground.
- Both nightjar chicks and adults have excellent camouflage to protect themselves from predators.
- The scientific name for nightjar: *Caprimulgus*, means goatsucker. This comes from an ancient myth that nightjars sucked milk from goats!



1. Print off and colour in the templates, using pens, pencils, or paint.



2. Stick the templates to cardboard, cut along the solid lines.



3. Glue the wing to the body.



4. Fold along the dashed lines at the bottom of the body and the eggs.



5. Tape the body and eggs to the paper plate.



6. Decorate the nest by gluing on paper scraps, grass, twigs, and leaves.