

Migration Station

Build Your own Bird Home or Feeding Station

Inspired by the exhibition, *When Home Won't Let You Stay: Migration Through Contemporary Art* at the Cantor Arts Center

Birds migrate and so do people. Migration, the movement of people and cultures, is a story of who we are and how we got here over time. In the Cantor's new exhibition, *When Home Won't Let You Stay: Migration Through Contemporary Art*, artists invite us to learn about their experiences of migration. In this activity when we build homes for birds, we may also think about what homes mean for each of us.



Supplies: an empty milk carton, scissors, string, pencil, acrylic paint, and paint brush. If you don't have all of the these supplies, you can decorate with crayon or collage with glue and colorful paper scraps.



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Directions

1: Cut a hole in one side of your container for the bird's front door. The hole should be about 1-2 inches in diameter and located at least two inches above the bottom. If you want to make a feeding station, you can make bigger openings and put birdseed in the bottom.

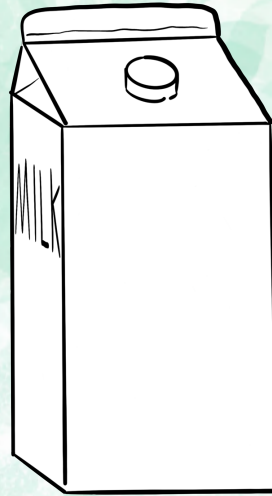
2: Attach a string to the roof. Use a hole punch and punch a hole into the top on each side of the carton. Thread a piece of string through the holes and knot at the top to hang. Find the perfect location outside and install the migration station above the ground. (roughly 10 feet)

3: Decorate your migration station. Think about how to make an inviting place for birds to visit. Is it in a safe location? What does the bird family need? Is there food or water nearby and trees for shelter?

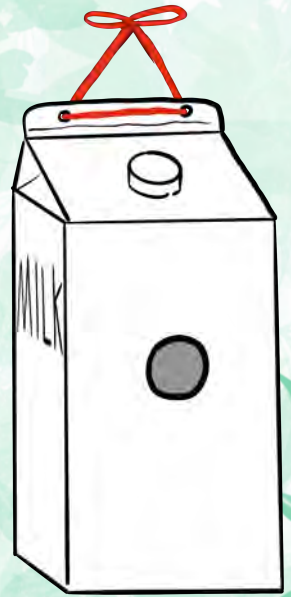
Get creative, collage and paint to decorate your migration station.

Experiment, make several migration stations and observe what type of birds like them best.

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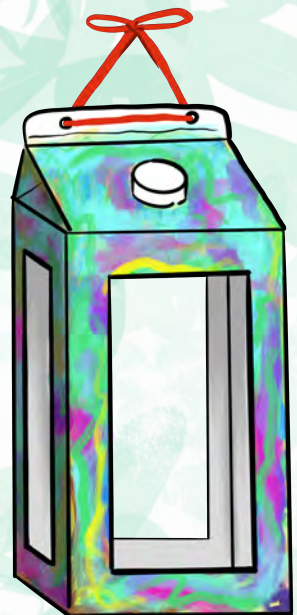
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3: Birdhouse



OR



3: Birdfeeder