

# Make a Lego bird table

Do you love birds as much as we do? Then why not build your own bird table to encourage birds into your school grounds, garden or balcony?

There are lots of instructions for making bird tables out there. Most require you to have materials, tools and equipment. But how about making yours out of Lego? It's easy to make a bird table out of Lego, you can build it any shape you like. Let your imagination run wild!

Put yourself in the mind of your favourite bird. What sort of bird table would you like? What creature comforts would you add to make it extra special for your feathered friends?

## Things to think about as you build your Lego bird table

- Will your bird table sit on the ground or will it have legs to keep it off the ground?
- Will it hang? If so, how will you attach the string?
- How will you stop the food from blowing away whilst making sure the birds can get to it?
- Will you provide shelter to protect the birds from the sun, wind and rain?
- If it rains, you will need to allow the water to drain away. The best way to do this is to leave a small gap in one of the corners to let the water out.
- Will you have different compartments for different foods?
- Will you include some sort of water dish (water is as important to the birds as food)?

### You will need:

- **Lego**
- **Imagination!**

**That's it, get building!**

## Deciding where to put your bird table

- Remember birds like:
  - A bit of peace and quiet
  - Being safe from cats!
  - Nearby trees or bushes so they can check the feeder is safe and retreat if they feel unsafe
  - A bit of shade

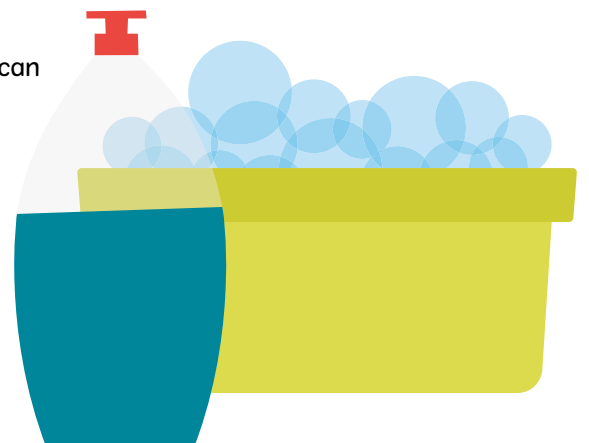
Make sure it's in a place where you can sit and watch it too!

## Cleaning your bird table

One of the great things about making your bird table from Lego is that it can easily be taken apart and put back together again for cleaning.

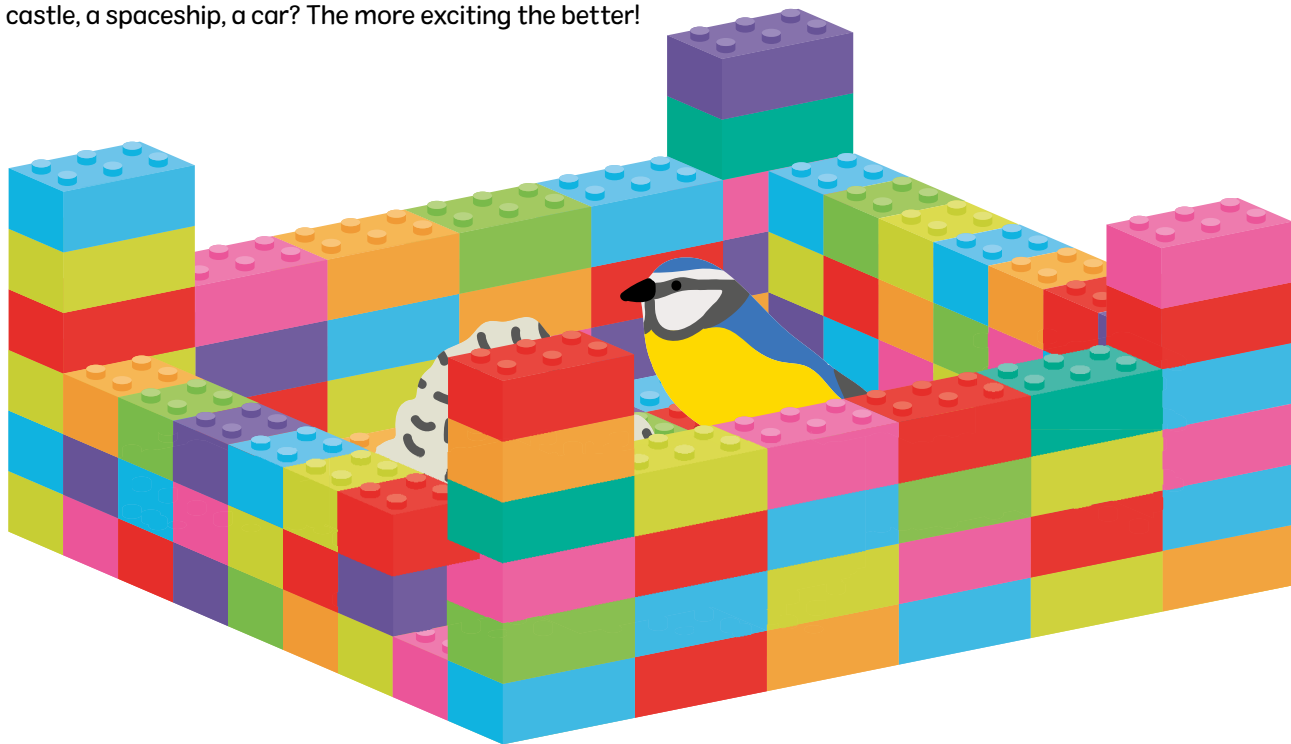
You could even change your design after you have cleaned it. It is recommended that bird tables are cleaned every 1 to 2 weeks.

You can simply use hot, soapy water for this.



## What shape will your bird table be?

Will it be a castle, a spaceship, a car? The more exciting the better!



## Connecting with nature

- What was your favourite bird you saw? Why?
- Could you hear their wings as they were flying? Could you hear their calls? What did they sound like?
- How did watching the birds make you feel?
- What do you think the birds liked best about your bird table?

## Share the fun

We would love to see photos of your finished bird table. You could also share your photos with family and friends to encourage them to build their own bird tables. Soon we could have Lego bird tables in school grounds, in gardens and on balconies across the country! Imagine how happy our feathered friends would be then!

**Let's get everyone birdwatching!**

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