

BACKYARD BIRDING PROJECT

Making a Milk Carton Bird House

For each house you will need: A half gallon cardboard milk carton that has been washed out; a piece of tar paper sometimes called 15 lb. roofing felt 5 inches by 8 inches; and a piece of self adhesive decorator plastic (Contact Paper) about 10 x 18 inches.



Here are the directions:

Cut an entrance hole about 1 inch from the top of the milk carton. Make it about 1 1/2 inch in diameter. Make some ventilation holes, along the top side of the carton as well as several bottom drain holes.

Next take the Contact Paper and peel off the backing. Carefully adhere it all around the sides of the milk carton. Then relocate the entrance and ventilation holes and reopen them.

Fold the piece of roofing paper in half and place it on top of the milk carton. Staple it to the top or push metal fasteners through it to hold it. Hang the bird house by putting wire through the top or put wire through the back and attach it to a post. Put the bird house between 6 and 8 feet high. Be sure it is not in direct sunlight.

