



We'll give you something to
'TWEET' about—
a feather-friendly yard full
of bird-sized nesting spots!

They're sure to give
SONGBIRDS
a tune and early birds a treat.

More inspiration inside.



a little birdie told me

{ CREATIVE INSPIRATIONS *free* FROM HOBBY LOBBY® }

» **BEST-DRESSED NEST**

Hop over to this charmer, and you'll be happy as a lark in no time. Its cheery disposition hails from a sunny shade of pink and some natural die-cut wood pieces from the Papercrafting Department—we glued them to the roof, added them as accents around the cubbyholes and trim and used them as bird perches.



« **FOR THE BIRDS**

Craft your very own birdie sanctuary. We roofed the white house with copper sheets, rolled at the ends.

Then we mounted a hand-painted chalkboard label onto copper and hung it with jewelry wire.

In the foreground, we adhered detailed wood trim and a fleur-de-lis, then colored the wood with acrylic gel stain.



3 TWEETS FOR TWINKLE

We gave these ready-made houses a minimalistic paint job in tweet-worthy hues, then finished the bare wood with a brush-on, non-yellowing glaze. To accommodate the light bulbs from our stranding, drill a 3/8" hole in the rooftops. For extra security and an au naturel vibe, wrap jute around the strand.

» NO PLACE LIKE FLOWN

For this nostalgic nook, add flowers, a front porch and house numbers from the miniatures section of our Craft Department. The roof features painted square shingles, lined with hand-painted trim to match the welcome sign. And the green-and-white color combo says, "Home Tweet Home!"



« BLOOM ROOM

For the base of this chirp-ready home, we covered a block of wood with floral moss and adhered the birdhouse to the base. At the back, we added a miniature window and flower box, complete with blooming roses!

Tip: Paint a square of the wood in a complementing color where the window will be placed—it hints at the idea of a decorated interior.



« INTO THE WOODS

Place pre-made woodland characters and a whimsical number 3 onto a simple gray and green backdrop and you've got the perfect resting spot for furry forest friends. We adhered diamond tread aluminum sheeting to the roof and added some stones at the bottom of the house for dimension.

» CALL ME QUAIN'T

Try this nestled-in-a-field villa for your patio or birdbath garden. The gold house numbers give it a lived-in feel, and we're in love with the peekaboo painted brick. To make the roofing tiles, scallop sandpaper sheets and layer as shown. Then set the scene with mini flowerpots and mounds of floral moss.



« 'TOADSTOOL' TIME

This critter-friendly cottage (frontside shown on cover) can be as easy as dip, brush, repeat—we created the whole gnome-inspired hideout with just a few colors of paint! Try adding details like the curvy, curtained window you see here or an onlooking woodland gang.

Tip: Use a variety of brush sizes—small for animals and blades of grass, large for all-over roof coverage.

» HOME ON THE RANGE

This vintage farmhouse (shown on cover) sets our hearts aflutter. Near the propped-up mini-bike, we set up a small cornfield and cluck-ready chicken coop—you can find the corn and chickens near the model-making supplies. For a charmingly country roof, we ran tin sheeting through a corrugating crimper from the Papercrafting Department.



« GREEN ACRES

To create your own authentic homestead, try some of these finishing touches:

- **Clothesline:** tiny tie-dyed fabric on jewelry wire, wrapped around dowel rods
- **Chicken coop:** cut-to-fit balsa wood, roofed with corrugated tin sheeting
- **Stairs:** small slats of balsa wood glued to a larger, rectangular piece
- **Display pedestal:** wooden cake stand lined with cork for a level surface
- **Grass and gravel:** from the model-making supplies (Hobbies Department), glued onto the cork



» BEACHY KEEN

This shore-y shelter is the perfect choice for your fair-feather friends. We painted the whole house white for a beachy cottage vibe. Then we adhered a birdie cutout and "Life is good" token to match the house numbers—the etched numbers and pendant come ready-to-go in the Papercrafting Department!



« BY THE SEED SHORE

Pair your own birdie bungalow with some oceanic remnants—we chose shells, sand in a bottle, and driftwood-esque stumps. The seashells and reeds (Floral Department) make this harbor home look like buried treasure.

Tip: Paint the fence and roofing tiles (made from small wood squares), and then quickly rub off with a paper towel. The wood will show through the paint, giving it a white-washed appearance.

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