



## BUILD YOUR OWN MINI EAGLE EYRIE

### What:

An eyrie is an eagle's nest. The Golden Eagle will build its eyrie up on the ledges and crags of mountains but also sometimes in old trees. Eyries can be much bigger than other birds' nests. The record for the biggest eagle eyrie was over 4 meters deep – that's the size of a double decker bus!

Why don't you have a go making your own mini eagle's eyrie?

### How:

In your garden or when out on a walk, gather some bendy sticks and twigs that you will be able to weave together to form the structure of the eyrie. Fresh young twigs are great for this but also things like heather. You will also need some soft grasses or moss to line the nest.

Once you have your materials you can start weaving. Bend the twigs under and over each other to form a doughnut shape before crossing twigs back and forth to form the base.

Keep doing this until your eyrie is roughly the size and shape of your two hands cupped together before weaving in your grasses to make the inside of the nest nice and soft.

Make sure it is all well knitted in together and strong enough to face the fiercest storm! Give your eyrie a shake to see if the wind would blow it apart.

Once you have finished why not find a tree or hedge where you can safely secure your eyrie. It might not attract eagles but something smaller might move in!

**Got a big garden?** Why not make a life-size eyrie and send us a photo?

**Stuck inside?** Why not make a sofa eyrie out of cushions, pillows and towels?

