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## Book Birdhouses

### In your kit:

Deconstructed Book  
small bird  
stick for bird perch  
piece of twine  
Instructions

### What you'll need:

Glue Gun



To make this fun craft you need an old book, minus the cover. Don't worry, these books that we've deconstructed are old Readers Digest Condensed books that have been having around for a LONG time. As my pictures show, I did make quite a few of these from very old, damaged books that would not have sold in our book sale. (Around 200 pages will give a very nice, fat, birdhouse, but because these readers digest condensed books are more pages than that and VERY thin pages, I folded two pages at a time.\*). I found this craft to be so ZEN like, folding the pages in front of the TV. I may have been watching Bridgerton on Netflix. :)

1. Fold the first 2 pages in half towards the spine.\*



2. Then fold the top corner towards the spine, forming a triangle.

Fold 1

Fold 2

On the next two pages, fold the bottom corner to meet the spine, making a triangle.



Fold 3



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3. Then fold the top corner in to meet the spine.



Fold 4

4. You are going to repeat these four folding steps for every two pages in the book.

As the book gets thicker and thicker as you make your folds, it may become cumbersome to hold, but continue through all book pages. If some pages come loose, don't worry, there's enough pages in book. (Or you can glue back to spine. That works too.)

6. After all the folding, take the piece of twine, loop it through the spine of book, and tie it off at top of book.

7. At this point, use your glue gun (or regular glue would work too!) to glue the front of the bird house to the back.

8. Attach your bird perch by inserting between any of the pages, using your glue gun.

9. Add your little bird to the perch! ENJOY!

This is a fun and easy craft to make and does make a great display. As my pictures show, I initially made a nice display on my dining room table. Also, this makes buying books at our book sale a great idea to make many, different sizes, as gifts!

