

**School-To-Work
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LESSON PLAN

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Objective: Students will assemble pre-cut pine bird houses and prepare them for outside use.

Materials: Pre-cut bird houses, plans of birdhouses, hammers, nails, paint, paintbrushes. wood glue.
News paper, sandpaper, putty, and nail set.

Procedure:

1. Discuss different types of bird dwellings.
2. Focus on bluebirds how they benefit man in northwest Pennsylvania.
3. Look at various plans of bird houses.
4. Review how to interpret scale drawings.
5. Students will select a partner of their choice.
6. Review safety rules regarding use of tools.
7. Show students example of completed birdhouse.
8. Distribute to students pre-cut bluebird houses and tools needed to assemble.
9. Demonstrate to students the proper way to assemble the birdhouse using tools, nails and glue.
10. Supervise students assembling birdhouse, setting nails, sanding and puttying.
11. Direct students to heavily newspapered painting area.
12. Students will select paint and paintbrushes and paint their birdhouse.
13. Allow paint to dry for several days before allowing students to take birdhouses home.
14. Make sure students discuss with their parents where to place the birdhouse before doing so.

Conclusion: Learning to preserve wildlife and taking an active part in protecting the environment should be taught to students at a very young age. This project should have a positive effect on achieving these goals.

Extension: Students can research other animal habitats/homes to see if either by construction or plantings they can aid Mother Nature in their area.