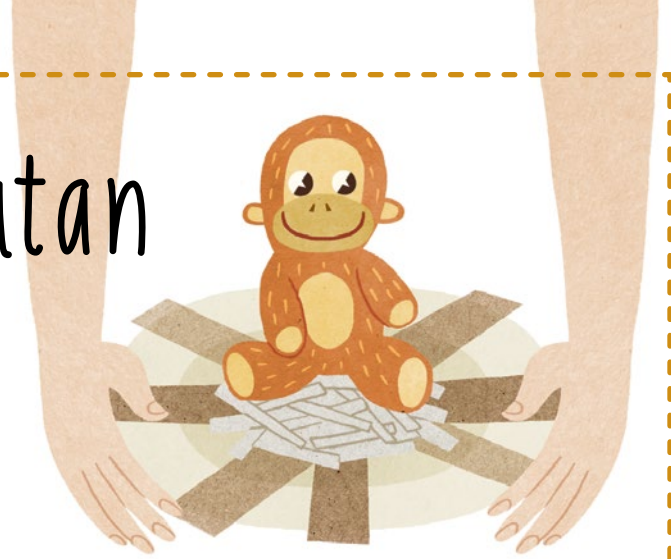


Build Like an Orangutan

Orangutans build nests by bending and weaving tree branches. Try this method using cardboard and paper strips to build a model nest.



WHAT ORANGUTANS USE

Strong tree branches

Smaller tree branches

WHAT YOU NEED

A sturdy paper plate, about 7 inches (18 cm) across
Thin cardboard strips, about 1 x 8 inches (2.5 cm x 20 cm)

Strips of paper, about ½ inch by 7 inches (1.2 cm x 20 cm)

WHAT YOU DO

1. Cut a circle out of the middle of the paper plate.
2. Cut a cereal box into four strips, each about 1 inch (2.5 cm) wide and 8 inches (20 cm) long.
3. Fold the cardboard strips over the lip of the paper plate. Space them equally apart and then staple them down. (The cardboard should cover the hole in the plate.)
4. Lay five or six thin paper strips over the cardboard strips. Staple them to the edge. Now weave more strips through them to make a mattress.
5. Place a small stuffed animal on the nest while holding the nest in the air. Does it hold your animal? If not, how could you weave it to be stronger?