

SCIENCE

FROM HOME



Bird Blockers

Many species of birds migrate through our local area during the fall heading to their winter homes in the south. Window and door glass pose a problem for birds because they reflect trees, foliage and sky, which the birds find inviting. Having objects to break up the appearance of a clear flight path on your windows might save many birds.

Know before you begin

- These activities can be done inside
- Most supplies are easy to find, substitute or leave out entirely
- Adult supervision is recommended
- Please choose a safe space to play

Materials

- Old CDs
- String
- Scrap paper
- Tape and Glue
- Scissors
- 4 Gauge vinyl (You can use thin plastic packaging from stickers, etc., but it will not be self-adhesive. You will have to tape these in place.)
- Permanent (non-washable markers)

Instructions

Reflectors

- Take an old CD that you are no longer using.
- With scrap paper, cut out shapes and decorate the printed side of the cd. If there is no printed side either side will do.
- Loop string through the hole in the center of the CD and tie in knot.
- With a grownup's help, tape to a window.

Window Cling

- Cut a 4 inch by 4 inch square of 4 gauge clear vinyl.
- Use permanent markers to draw a picture and color it using different colors. The brighter your colors the more noticeable it will be to passing birds.