

Pop Out Birds

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Easy

Crafting Supplies

Materials List

- 1 Bird House
- 2 Felted Balls
- 1 Pair of Safety Eyes
- 1 Silk Dyed Cocoon
- 1 Pom Pom
- 1 Rock from Your Garden
- Thick Crafting Wire
- Needle Nose Pliers
- Hot Glue Gun



Decorative Bird Houses

You've seen bird houses in the craft and dollar stores. They are super cute but it feels like there is no one home.

I had a plan to put crochet eyes and beak hanging out of the hole. A few friends suggested using felted balls instead. The idea morphed and with a thought to use a pom pom for the head, the Pop Out Birds were born. I was beyond excited.



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Find A Rock

Find a rock in your garden that will slide through the bird house hole and heavy enough to counter balance the head of the Pop Out Bird.

Felted Balls & Cocoon

I found the felted balls and cocoons at DarnGoodYarn.com. They are called the Felt Ball Garland. They already have a hole in the felted ball to make your life easier. You can find the Silk Co

Safety Eyes

I pick up in bulk at AliExpress.com

Craft Wire, Glue & Pom Pom

Found at my local craft store.

Mount Rock & Wire Together

1. Measure distance from the front of the hole to the back of the house. Add 2". Take this measurement and times by 2 to give you the length of the wire you need to cut.
2. Fold wire in half. Hot glue the wire to the flat surface of the rock.
3. Do not bend the wires until the bird is completed.



Prepare Eyes & Nose

1. If felted balls have no holes all the way through. Make holes large enough to be able to shove in the safety eyes shaft into the hole.
2. Insert eyes into the holes.
3. Using hot glue, tap a portion directly between the eyes and push the two balls together and hold.
4. Lay down eyes to a surface. Using a silk cocoon, tap glue to the bridge of where the nose will attach to the underside of the eyes.



Wire to Back of Eyes

1. Using needle nose pliers, ensure both wires are the same length from the rock. Cut if needed.
2. Using pliers, bend a small circle at



the end of both of the wires.

3. Insert 1 wire in each of the back of the eye holes.
4. Hot glue the wire into position at the back of the eye.



Pom Pom Positioning

1. Lay down a pom pom on the surface of the table. If there is string to the pom pom. Grab it and pull through in between the wires so the pom pom fur is firmly touching wires.
2. Apply hot glue along 1" of the wire to capture the fur of the pom pom to the wire. Hold firmly until dry.
3. If there is a string from the pom pom, cut the string off.

Mounting Bird to the Bird House

The bird isn't glued into position when sitting in the bird house.

1. Without bending wires, insert into the hole of the bird house to determine how much extra will stick out. It should be about 2".
2. Now bend with the pliers an "S" shape formation.
3. Check after first bend to see if you need to close up the "S" more or stretch it back out.
4. The back of the pom pom and wire will make it flush to the bird house opening. The goal is to ensure the rock end is stretched enough to let the bird rest naturally.
5. If you bend one wire differently, it creates a tilted head look.

