Bird House in a Pop Can

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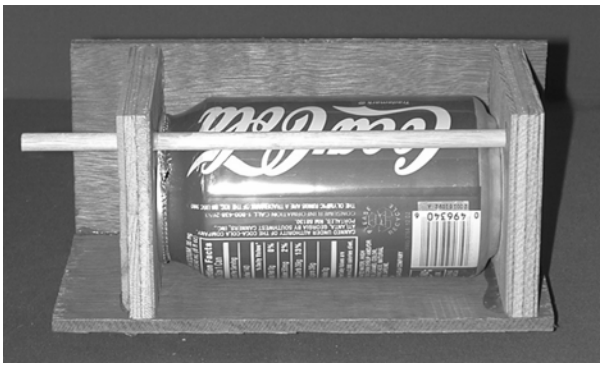
This bird house is build around a pop or soda can. They are lots of fun to make in the spring.

Materials needed:

1. 1 soda can.
2. Two - 3" x3" x ½" exterior AC plywood or 1" spruce/fir (is more weather resistant).
3. One - 7" of ¼" dowel.
4. One - 3 ¼" x 7" x ¼" exterior AC plywood or cut cedar shingle.
5. One -3" x 7" x ¼" exterior AC plywood or cut cedar shingle.
6. 12" of galvanized wire (19 gauge).
7. 2 small eye screws for hanger.
8. 4 - #18 x 1" nails.
9. White glue, hammers, dykes to cut wire, pliers to bend wire.

Before the meeting:



1. Cut dowel to 7".
2. Cut one - 3 ¼" x 7" x ¼" exterior AC plywood or cut cedar shingle for roof.
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4. Cut two 3" x 3" ends.
5. Clamp 2 end pieces together and drill a ¼" hole ½" from the lower corner (be sure that pop can will fit, that this hole and the dowel won't push the can up too high). Ream the holes a little so the ¼" dowel can be pushed through them.
6. Drill 1 ½" hole in one of the end pieces.
7. Cut the top out of the pop can (so the top end has a big opening).

Assembly at the meeting:

1. Insert the 7" x ¼" dowel into the 2 end pieces, such that the dowel sticks out about 1 ¼" (see photo) from the front (the end with the 1 ½" hole). The dowel should be flush with the outside of the rear piece.
2. Put the pop can between the end pieces, so the top end (open) is facing the 1 ½" hole in the front piece. Glue the dowel in place.
3. Position the 3" x 7" roofing piece onto end pieces (see photo).
4. Glue and nail (2 #18 x 1" nails) 3" x 7" roof so it laps over the end about ¼".
5. Glue and nail (2 #18 x 1" nails) 3 ¼"" x 7" roof so it laps over the other roof portion.
6. Insert the small eye screws on opposite sides of the roof (so the birdhouse will hang level).
7. Attach the galvanized wire (form a little loop so another wire can be attached for hanging).