

Building a Birdhouse

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One Saturday morning Lee said, "Dad, my friend Sandy is coming over today. What can we do?"

Dad thought. Then he said, "Do you remember that birdhouse **kit** you got for your birthday? Maybe you and Sandy can put the birdhouse together."

"Will you help us?" asked Lee. "It might be **tricky**."

"Of course I'll help. Just let me know when you girls are ready to start," Dad said.

Lee found the birdhouse kit. Soon Sandy came over. Lee showed her the kit. Then she asked, "Do you want to make a birdhouse?"

"Yes," said Sandy. "That looks like fun."

Lee called Dad. She, Dad, and Sandy went outside. They opened up the kit. Dad pointed out the kit's parts listed in the **diagram**. The diagram was a picture that showed how to put the birdhouse together. Dad helped the girls follow each step. First they joined the

sides. Then they added the floor. The last step was putting on the roof.

Finally the birdhouse was finished. Lee stepped back and smiled. "Dad, doesn't it look good?"

"Yes, it does. You girls did a good job putting it together," replied Dad.

Sandy asked, "What will you do with the birdhouse now?"

"I know," said Lee. "Let's hang it up in this tree." And they did.



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Comprehension Questions

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- What does this story tell about?
 - working outside
 - feeding the birds
 - building a birdhouse
- Why might building a birdhouse be tricky?
 - The parts must be bought at the shop.
 - There are several steps to follow.
 - There are no directions in the kit.
- What is the meaning of the word **diagram** in the story?
 - a tool used for joining wood parts
 - a place for buying birdhouse kits
 - a picture that shows how something is made
- The last thing the girls do to the birdhouse is
 - put on the roof.
 - add the floor.
 - join the sides.
- Why do Lee, Sandy, and Dad hang the birdhouse up in a tree?
 - They hope that birds will live in it.
 - They want to keep it away from squirrels.
 - They do not have room in the house for it.