

MISSION CONSERVATION ACTIVITY GUIDE

January 2025 – Birdin Around

Gentoo penguins are what we have here at Wonders of Wildlife! Like most birds, gentoo penguins do build nests, but there's are a bit different than that of normal birds. There's not a lot of grass, leaves, and twigs in the arctic, so gentoo penguins make their nests out of the one thing they can find. Rocks!

Outdoor Activity: Gentoo Penguin Nest



Materials:

- Basket
- Rocks
- Fake eggs or a stuffed penguin (optional)

Nest Material: Lots and lots of rocks.

Procedure:

1. Grab a basket or container.
2. Start gathering rocks. You can do this in your yard or a playground with lots of pebbles. You can even use your own rock collection if you'd like!
3. Stack them up in a mound where something can be propped up. If you have an egg, set it on top. If you have a stuffed penguin, you can set them on top of the nest and the egg!
4. After you are done, make sure to put everything back where you found it, especially if you're in a public park. Remember to leave no trace!

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Next we have one of favorite feathered animals, the peacock! Peacocks are a part of a species called peafowl. Male peafowl are called peacocks, and female are called peahens. The reason we mainly talk about peacocks is because peacocks are the ones with the gigantic row of feathers. They use these feathers to court peahens. Today, we will be making our own peacocks using stuff you have in your own home!

Indoor Activity: Paper Plate Peacock



Materials:

- Paper Plate
- Clothespin
- Markers
- Colored feathers (optional)
- Googly eyes

Procedure:

1. Cut your paper plate in half.
2. Decorate half of one plate using whatever colors you'd like!

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3. Color your clothespin using either paint or markers.
4. Glue on your googly eyes and feathers if you have them.



5. Enjoy your very own Peacock!!



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