



PREPARING BLUEBIRD

It takes a lot of effort to prepare, especially when a bird is expecting visitors. Jesus said, "Go and prepare the Passover meal" (Luke 22:8). Are you prepared when Jesus comes knocking?

YOU WILL NEED:

- Blue, Yellow and White Feathers *
- Thin Flexible Long Branches (not dry)
- Colored Modeling Material
- 2 Small Black Beads
- School Glue
- Glue Brush
- Straw
- Scissors
- Aluminum Foil
- Toothpicks
- Cutters ⚠
- Hot Glue Gun ⚠



DIRECTIONS:



1. Form the shape of a bird's body from the aluminum foil.



2. Mix equal portions of white and blue modeling material to get a light blue shade and roll out into a thin layer. Apply glue to the bird's body. Lay the sheet of modeling material over the body of the bird evenly. Press in two black beads for the eyes. Use an orange modeling material to color the breast.



3. Poke in some multi-colored tail feathers and fasten with hot glue. Cover any blemishes with more modelling material.



4. Hot glue some feathers to the sides for the wings.



5. Make two small wing covers out of blue modeling material. Glue them over the quill end of the feathers to hide them. Make some feather patterns on it if you like.



6. Break off the two ends of the toothpick for the beak. Paint them black. Stick and glue them in place.



7. Intertwine the long sticks into three or four small wreaths of different sizes. If necessary, branches can be further softened by soaking in water for several hours.



8. Fashion a nest from the resulting wreaths using hot glue.



9. Line the nest with pieces of straw and bits of down. Make three small eggs from modeling material and place them in the nest.



10. Place the bluebird to the edge of the nest. The bluebird nest is ready!

* If you do not have multi-colored feathers, you can soak them in a dye solution for 5-10 minutes. When dry, comb them out with an old toothbrush.