



## HELP BIRDS AVOID WINDOWS

**Birds sometimes fly into windows and injure or kill themselves. Become a bird hero and help prevent this from happening by making your windows bird-proof. The birds will thank you for it!**

★ Birds sometimes fly into windows or glass doors because they simply don't see them. The glass acts like a mirror, reflecting images of the trees and the sky, so often the birds don't realize that the glass is actually there.

★ To prevent birds from flying into windows, the panes need to be made more obvious. This can be achieved simply by hanging objects in front of them.

★ Small birds are frightened of large predatory birds, such as hawks, and will go to great lengths to avoid them. Sketch a picture of a hawk on a piece of card. Its wings should be outstretched as if in flight.

### YOU WILL NEED

**8.5 × 11 in (21.5 × 28 cm)  
cardstock**

**Black marker**

**Scissors**

**Cotton thread**

**Adhesive putty  
or tape**

It doesn't need to be a masterpiece, but if you find this difficult, you can print out a picture from the Internet and use it as a template.



★ Color the hawk in using the black marker. The idea is to create a dark silhouette that will be easy for garden birds to spot. Using the scissors, cut the hawk out. Make a small hole in the bird's body and attach a long piece of cotton thread. Hang the bird in your window using adhesive putty or tape.

★ Repeat the process. If the window is particularly big, add more than one hawk. Try making a silhouette scene, including trees, flowers, clouds, and a sun. Birds are less likely to fly into a window filled with lots of obstacles. Make a note of what happens over time. Is your bird deterrent successful?



#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

*In some countries, a group of hawks is called a "kettle" of hawks, but in reality, it's rare to see hawks together.*

*Adult hawks tend to be solitary birds that only come together when they breed or migrate.*



★ This simple measure should greatly reduce the number of collisions that occur, but if you do find a bird that has flown into a window, treat it with care. It may be suffering from concussion or have internal injuries. Place it in a quiet, dark place and leave it for a couple of hours. Hopefully, the bird will recover.