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Little Builders: Make a Roost Box

Build a paper one together first, then help a grown-up build the real one for the birds.

YOU NEED: this page (on cardstock if you have it) · crayons · kid scissors · glue stick · a straw or craft stick for the perch

1 Color
Color every piece. Real roost boxes are painted light colors on the outside.

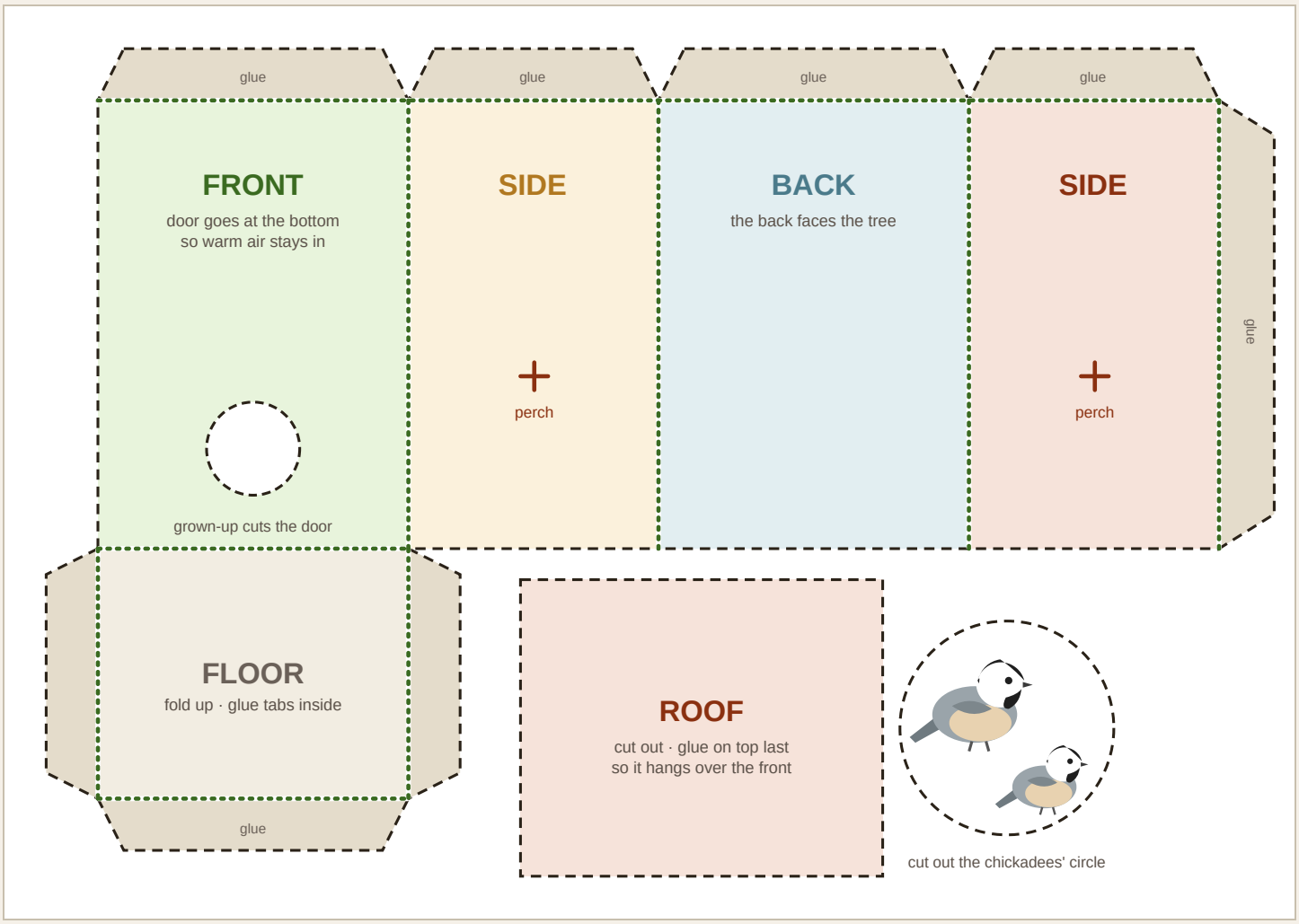
2 Cut
Cut on the **dashed** lines. A grown-up cuts out the round door.

3 Fold
Fold on the **green dotted** lines. Fold every tab in.

4 Glue
Glue the tabs to make a box. Push the straw through the two + marks for a perch.

5 Tuck In
Put the chickadees inside, then glue on the roof. Goodnight, birds!

cut · fold · glue tab



James's Jobs on the Real Box

A grown-up does all the sawing and drilling. Little builders can **measure and mark** with a pencil, **sand** the edges smooth, **glue in the perches**, **hold pieces** while the screws go in, and **help pick the spot** to hang it.

Did You Know?

A chickadee weighs about as much as **two quarters**. On a cold night, several may squeeze into one box and snuggle to stay warm. The small door keeps bigger birds out.

Watch for Visitors

Hang the real box by the start of winter. On cold evenings, watch for chickadees slipping in at dusk. Draw what you see in a bird journal, and count how many come out in the morning!