

How To Build A Grass Nest:

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- 1) You will need grass clippings, a small bowl (the size of the nest you would like to build) and glue.
- 2) Place grass in the bowl and spread around to cover the bottom and edges.



3) Spread glue along grass, bundle grass together and begin to add layers. By gluing small bundles of grass, the finished nest will look like it was woven and not just random grass glued together. Let glue dry for at least an hour before adding another layer. Add several layers of glue and grass.



4) When the inside is dry, remove the nest from the bowl. Begin to bundle grass and glue it to the outside to cover the random appearance of the grass.

For a display case, I used a doll case. Michaels has them for about \$20 or less when on sale. The dimensions are 13 in x 5.5 in x 5.5 in. Obviously smaller cases can be used.



5) The finished result!

Since the nest is just grass, it is flexible and can be squeezed into place between branches. These are juniper branches and are easily twisted to fit into the display case.

