

# House Garland Made from Natural Materials

## Instructions No. 4076

With **small birdhouses** made of raw wood, you can create a **beautiful winter decoration** in no time. As you assemble and paint them, you'll end up with a chain of birdhouses that you can make look especially festive by adding a little snow effect. Natural materials like branches and pinecones round out the look, turning it into a lightweight hanging decoration for windows, doors, or walls. Ideal for beginners and also perfect as a small gift.



## Make a Garland of Mini Birdhouses

- 1. Painting the houses:** Apply the “handicraft paint” in your chosen colors. Soft pastel shades, white, and muted tones create a particularly harmonious look and make the mini-houses resemble little winter cottages. It's better to apply two thin coats rather than one thick one: this minimizes brush strokes and keeps details like window openings clean. Let each coat dry completely before continuing.
- 2. Accent the roofs—clean edges, more depth** If you'd like, add a second shade to the roof or along the edges. This gives the mini birdhouses more depth and emphasizes their shape.
- 3. Apply decorative snow—the winter effect as a highlight** Once the paint is completely dry, it's time for decorative snow. Apply it to the roof ridge, along the roof edges, and sparingly around the openings—this makes it look like it's

been freshly blown in. Press the snow down lightly so it sticks well. Let everything dry thoroughly again. This step instantly creates a wintry atmosphere and transforms simple raw-wood houses into decorative winter accents.

**Preparing natural elements: branches and pinecones** Use pruning shears or a small saw to cut a few branches into short pieces. Varying lengths create a lively look and emphasize the natural materials trend. Also, have a few pinecones ready. If you want to hang them, carefully twist small screw hooks into the pinecones.

**jute ribbon-Tying the garland – your movable winter arrangement** Cut a piece of jute ribbon and fold it in half so it's sturdy. Hang a birdhouse in the center to visually balance the garland. Then gradually tie the twigs to the ribbon. Add pinecones here and there and hang them as well. Finally, thread on more mini birdhouses, twigs, and pinecones as desired. The mix of painted wood, decorative snow, and natural materials creates a warm, wintry look that looks great right away on a door, window, or wall.

**Now it's your turn!** If you're in the mood for more winter craft ideas featuring house silhouettes, raw wood, and "natural materials," stop by the online shop and put together your own personalized winter decor combo.

## Must Have

### VBS Decorative birdhouses "Minis", set of 8

Number of parts: 8  
Material: Raw wood

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