

# The Best of the Nest: Crazy Constructions at Arid Recovery



*For your own nest building, consider some of the strategies that Wopilkara implement to build their homes. Below are some examples of nest constructions using unnatural materials found at Arid Recovery – try to be as creative as Wopilkara!*



## The Squatter – under the Arid Recovery Research Station

Wopilkara are very resourceful rodents, collecting unnatural materials to add structure and strength to their home. Here in this nest, pens and forks are seen among the sticks.

## The Outhouse – under a toilet

Despite the smell, construction was commenced between the walls of Arid Recovery's drop toilet. Don't try this at home!



## The Mobile Home – in tyres

Quick, small nests are often built by Wopilkara that are regularly on the move, so any object for structural integrity is up for grabs.

## This nest rocks!

Many arid areas lack enough grass and stick material for an entire nest, so this Wopilkara built its fortress around rocks.



# Design & build!

GROUP MEMBERS:

DETAILS

DESIGN AND BUILD A STICK NEST FIT FOR A GROUP OF WOPIKARA USING ANY OF THE TOOLS SUPPLIED. THESE NESTS CAN BE AS BIG AS YOU WANT, BUT HAVE TO BE STRONG ENOUGH TO PROTECT THEM FROM THEIR PREDATORS.

LIST WHAT SUPPLIES YOU WILL USE AND SKETCH A DESIGN BEFORE BUILDING.

REAL NEST

SUPPLIES USED

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NOTES

DRAW YOUR NEST DESIGN ON THE BACK OF THE SHEET, HOW MANY WOPIKARA ARE LIVING IN YOUR NEST?

NUMBER:

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