

Half-Scale Birdhouse Shelf

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SUPPLIES FOR EACH

- 2" piece of right-angle molding, 3/8" on side, or two piece of strip wood 3/8" wide, 2" long
- 2 Lara's Crafts 1/2" x 1/2" traditional hearts
- 1 Lara's Crafts 3/8" block or cube
- 1 piece of 1/4" x 1/4" wood about 1" long
- Scraps of cardstock
- Paint
- Glue - The Ultimate Glue works best

If you don't have the right-angle molding, make the shelf by gluing the long edges of one piece of strip wood to the other at right angles.



Shelf Unit as seen from end

Birdhouse #1

Cut the 1/4" x 1/4" wood so that one end is at right angles to the

direction of the grain and the other is at 45 degrees to the direction of the grain. The longest edge should be 3/4" high.



Shape of cut from 1/4" x 1/4" wood

Birdhouse #2

Glue two of the hearts together to make a single heart about 1/4" thick.

Birdhouse #3

The cube is birdhouse #3.

Paint shelf unit and three "bird-houses". Pick a color scheme in theme with your setting. Cut scraps of cardstock to make roofs. Birdhouse 1 has a sloping roof like a bluebird house. Birdhouse 2 is set so that the point of the heart is the roof peak. Glue a strip of cardstock to shape over the peak with a small eave. Birdhouse 3 is

set "on point". The roof goes over two sides of the cube.

Use a black "Sharpie" to put the "holes" into the fronts of the birdhouses. The "hole" for birdhouse 1 should be near the top of the longest side.

Glue birdhouse 3 "on point" under the shelf. This looks better if it is not centered but is to the left or right side of the shelf. Then glue birdhouse 1 and birdhouse 2 to the top of the shelf. The shelf is ready to hang.

