

BIRD-SAFE WINDOW ACTIVITY GUIDE



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What makes windows dangerous for birds?



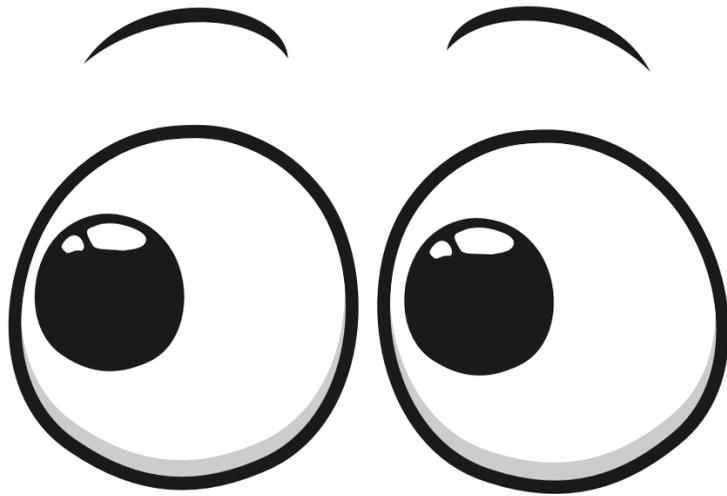
Birds can't see glass! When flying, a bird might hit a window it doesn't know is there.



YOU can be a
superhero and help
make a difference for
the birds in your
neighborhood!



Part 1: Watch Windows



Question: How do you know
which windows are
dangerous?



Answer: Learn to identify Watch
Windows! Watch windows are..

..windows that are really reflective, like a mirror



...windows that are really transparent that you can see through easily



.....windows with a lot of
bright light shining out of
them



...windows close to bird
habitats or bird baths and
feeders





Activity 1: Observe the windows around your house at different times of day to help you identify **Watch Windows**.

Instructions:

- Walk around your house at different times of day in the morning, afternoon, evening, and at night
- Observe which windows have the characteristics you just learned about: reflectiveness, transparency, closeness to bird habitat, and bright lights.
- Use the following sheets to write down your observations!



Example Window:

Kitchen window



- Reflective
- Bird Habitat
- Transparent
- Light

Window 1:



- Reflective
- Bird Habitat
- Transparent
- Light



- Reflective
- Bird Habitat
- Transparent
- Light



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Window 2:

Window 3:



- Reflective
- Bird Habitat
- Transparent
- Light

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Score Sheet

Window 1: checks out of 16

Window 2: checks out of 16

Window 3: checks out of 16

Windows with **8** checks or more
are Watch Windows.

Which windows are Watch
Windows?

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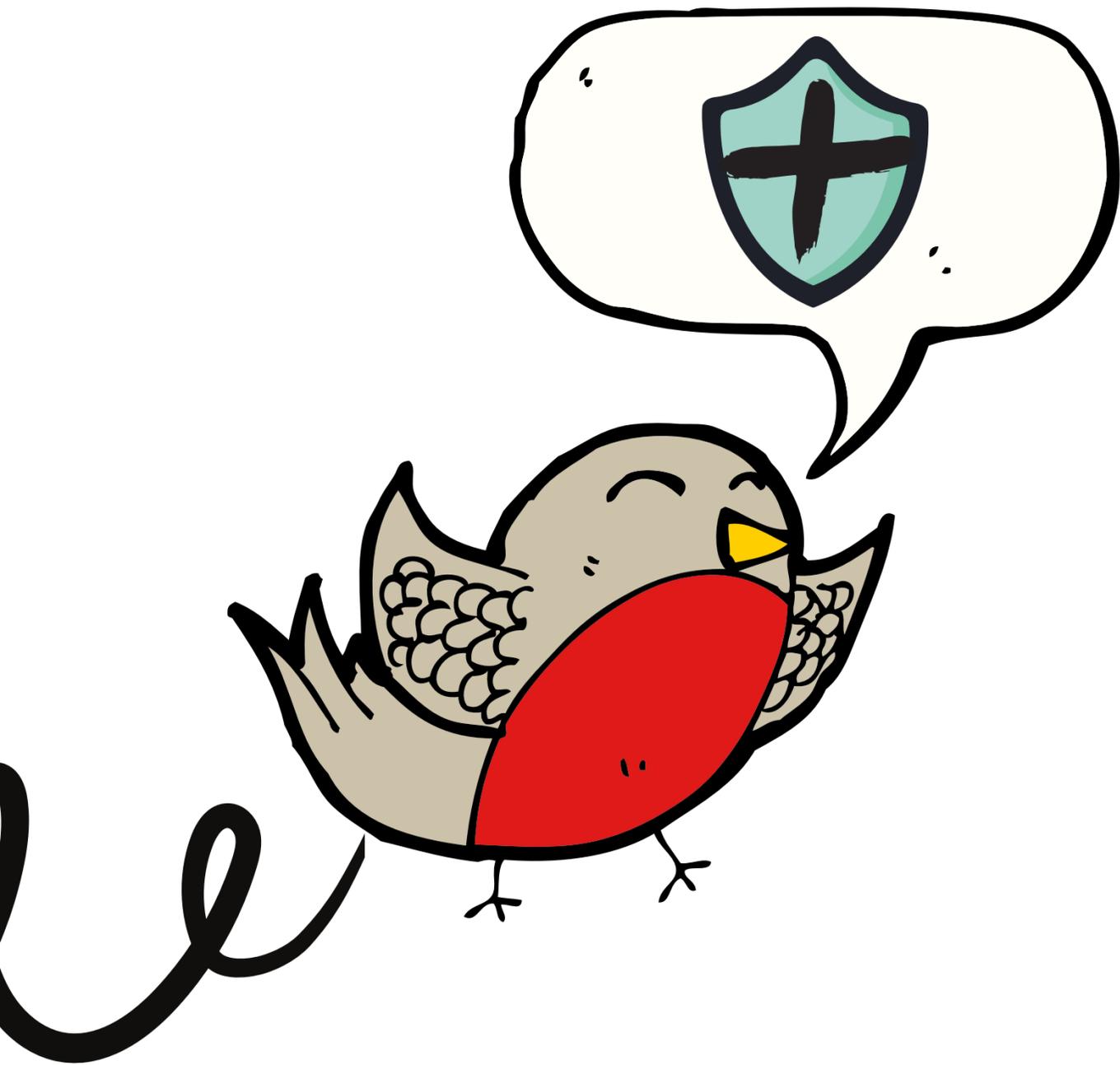
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Part 2: Bird-Safe Windows



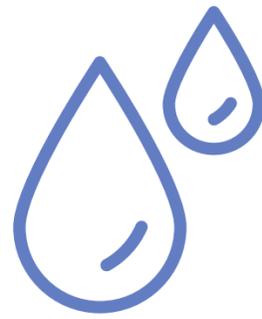
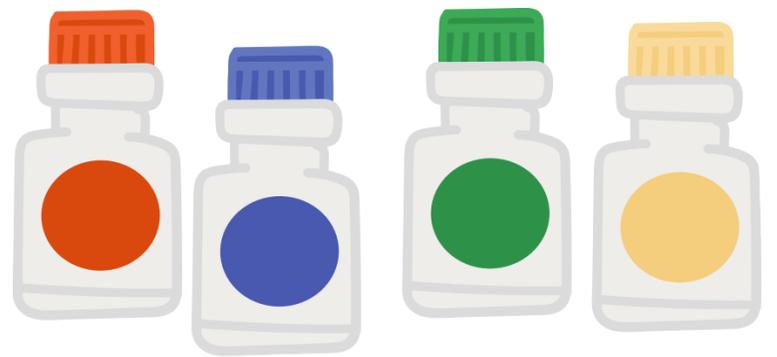
Question: How do I turn a
Watch Window into a
Bird-Safe Window?



Answer: Learn about Super Saver techniques that you can use to make your windows Bird-Safe.

Tempera (Washable) Paint)

Draw on window glass using tempera paint. Make sure your design covers most of the window and doesn't leave large spaces.



Good for Watch Windows that are...

- Reflective
- Transparent
- Good for showing off your artwork



UV Markers

Draw on Watch Window glass using UV Markers. Birds can see UV...but we can't! Make sure your design covers most of the window and doesn't leave large spaces.



Good for Watch Windows that are...

- Transparent
- In an area where you don't want humans to see your drawings



Dish Soap



Rub dish soap all over window glass (on the outside of your house).

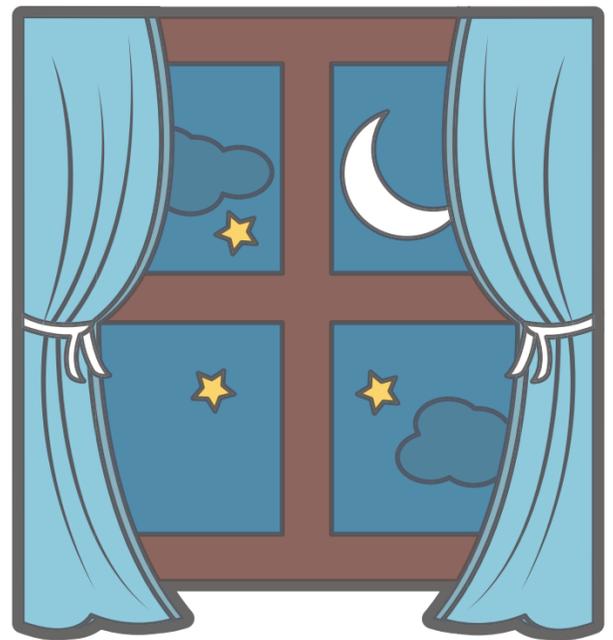


Good for Watch Windows that are...

- Reflective
- Transparent

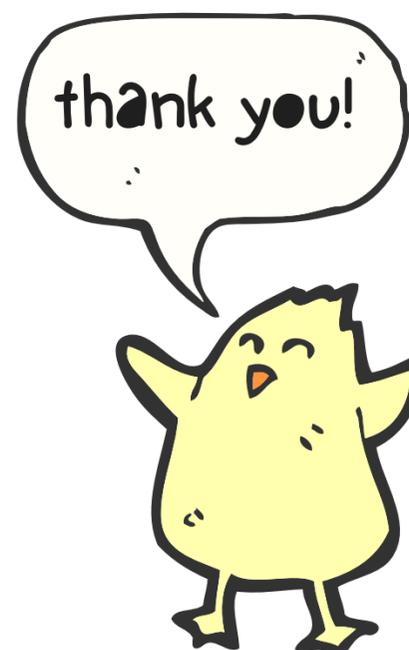
Curtains

Close the curtains or blinds, especially at night! This simple fix can make a big difference.



Good for Watch Windows that are...

- Transparent
- Brightly lit



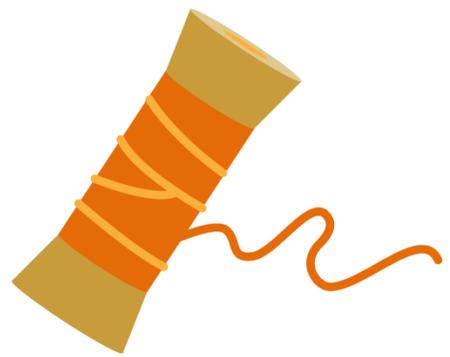
Window Strings

Hang the string outside your window in a striped pattern.



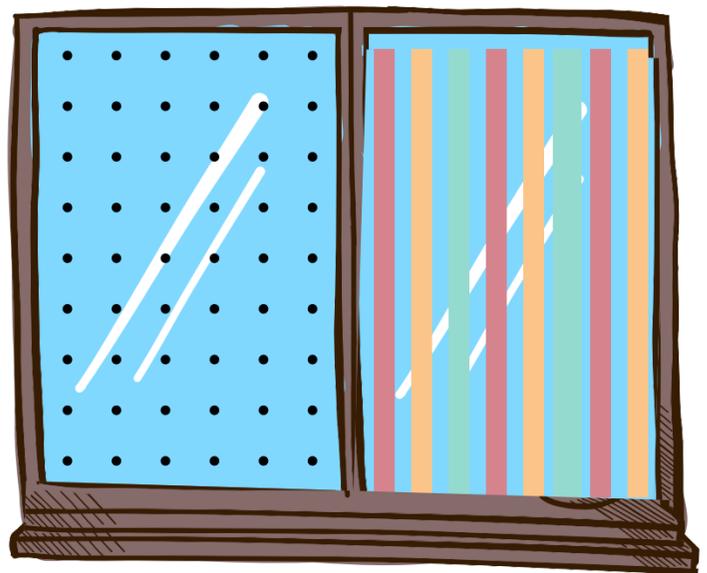
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Window Decals

Put window decals on the outside of window glass in a pattern. Try to make sure the decals are no more than a few inches apart from each other.



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Turn off the Lights

Turn off the lights at night! Not only does this save electricity, but this simple fix can make a big difference for birds, especially during spring and fall when birds are migrating.



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- Transparent
- Brightly lit



Activity 2: Circle ALL of the Super Savers that would help to solve the Watch Window issue.



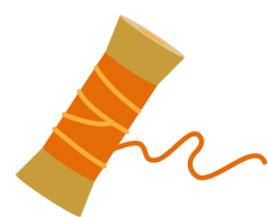
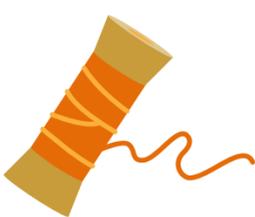
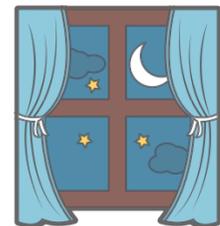
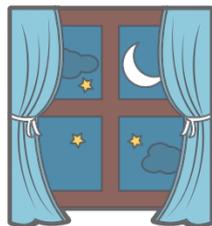
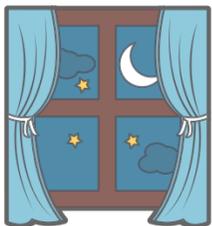
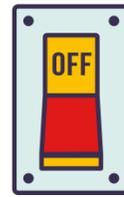
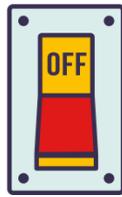
Reflectiveness



Transparency



Brightly-lit



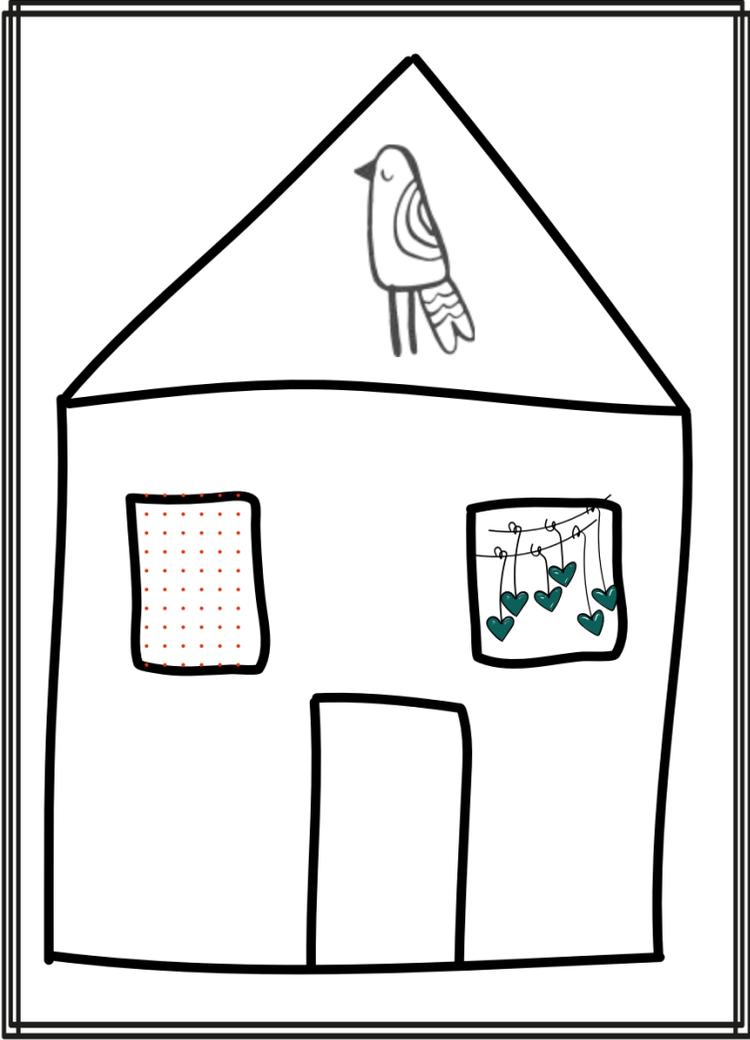
Activity 3: Make a plan to turn
Watch Windows into **Bird-Safe**
Windows by using one of the **Super**
Savers!

Instructions:

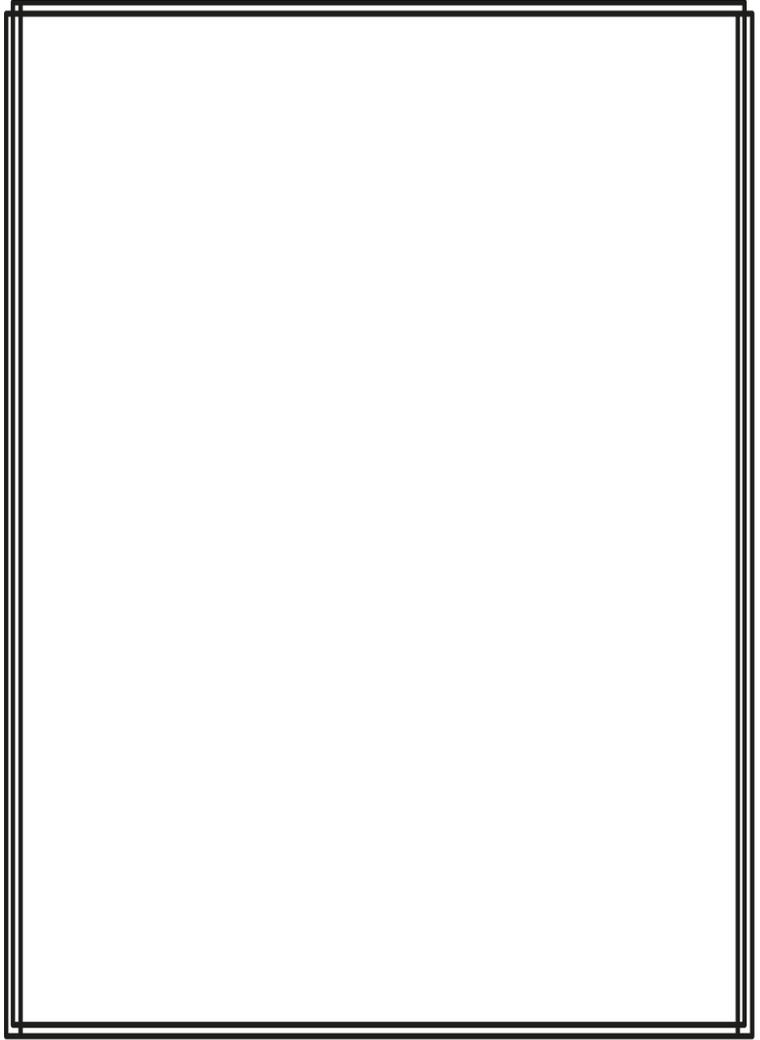
- Make sure you have permission from an adult before starting
- Circle the Super Saver (or multiple Super Savers!) you will use for each Watch Window that you identified in Activity 1.
- Draw a plan for each window!



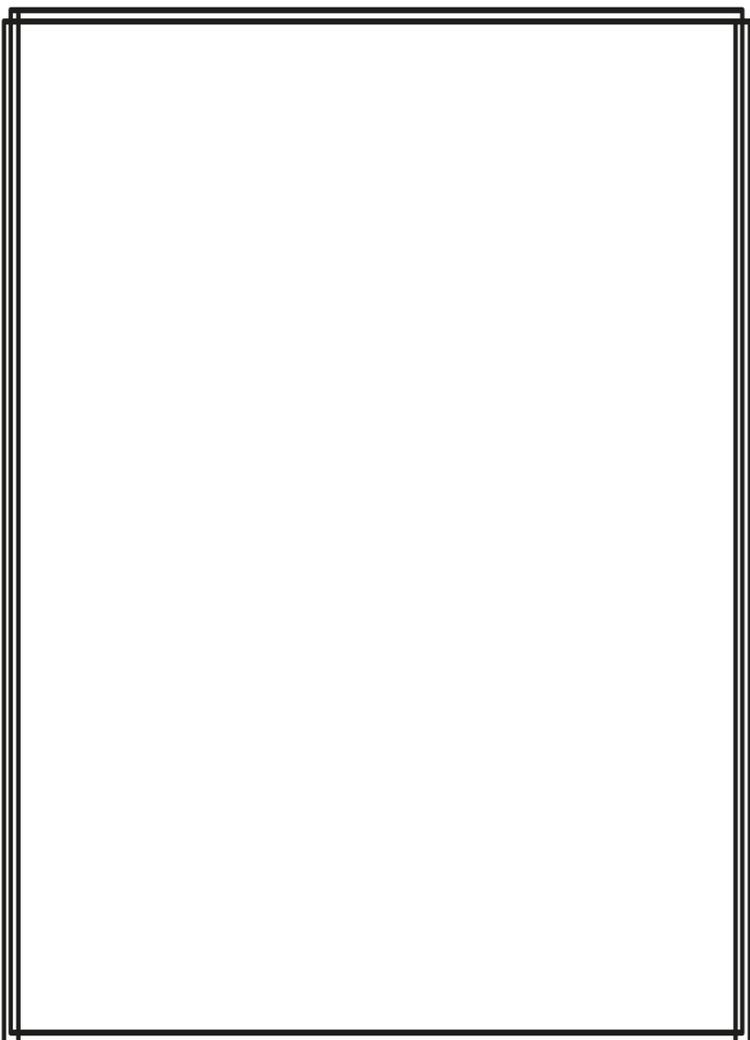
Example Window:
Kitchen window



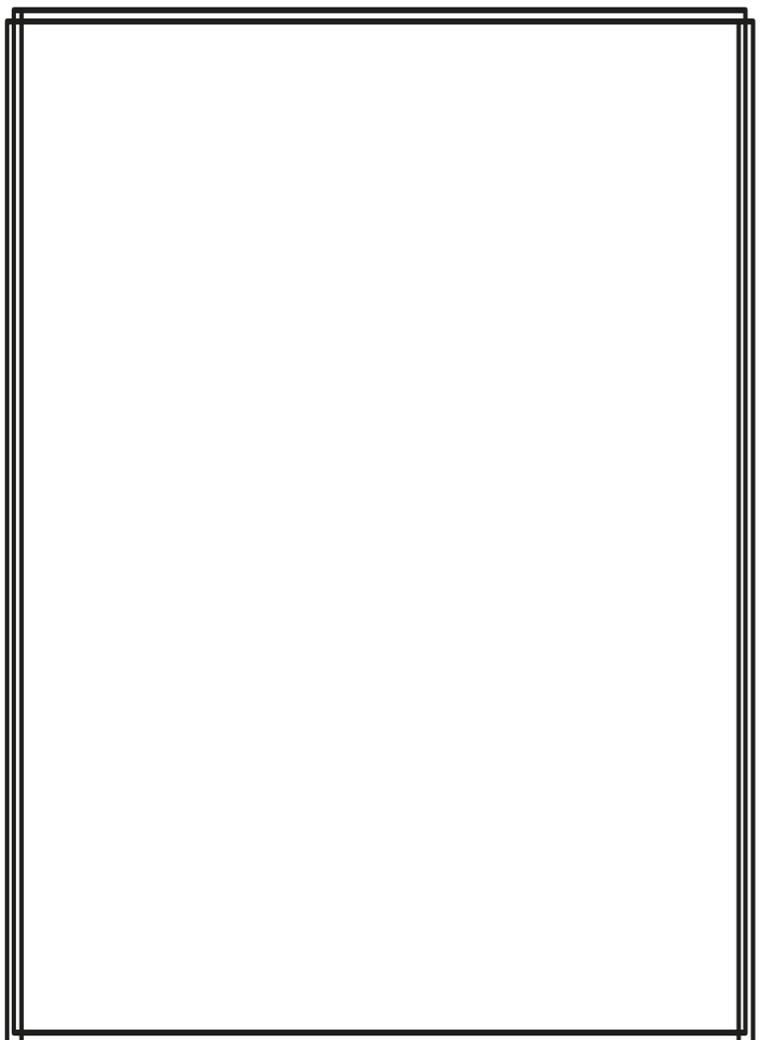
Window 1:



Window 2:



Window 3:



Congratulations! You are now officially a Bird-Safe Window Hero! Thanks for making a difference for the birds who share our habitat



ANSWERS:



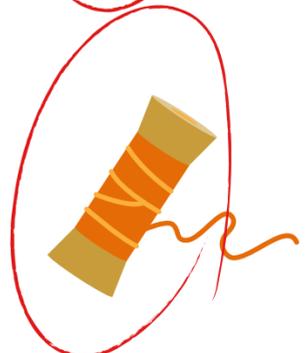
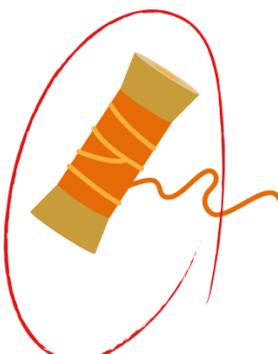
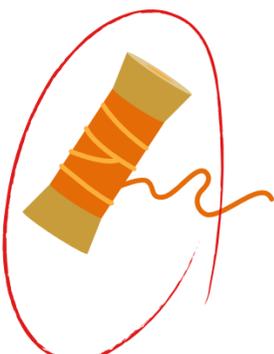
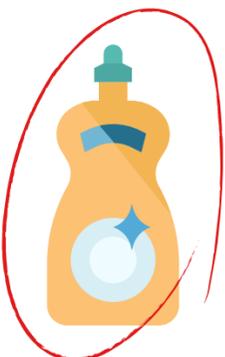
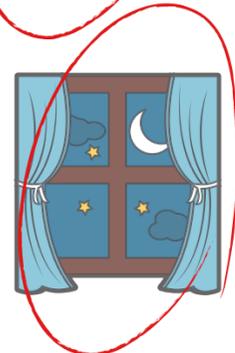
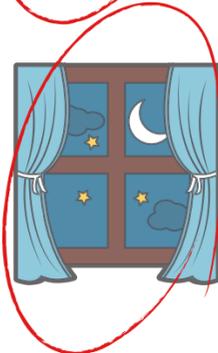
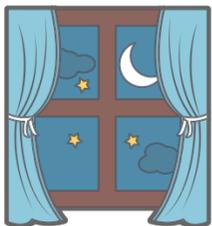
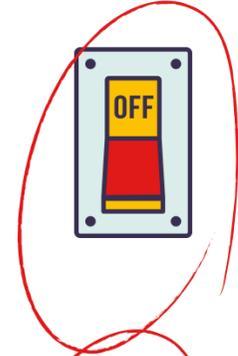
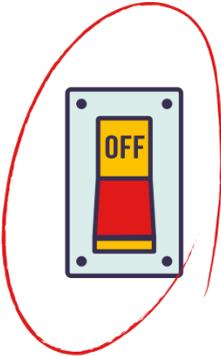
Reflective
Window



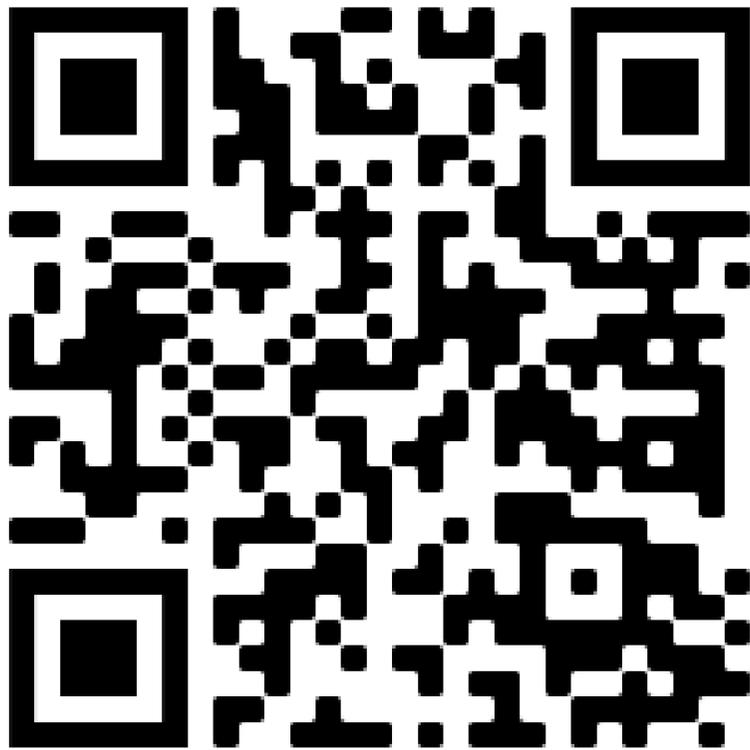
Transparent
Window



Brightly Lit
Windows



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