

## Finch & Canary Nests Bowls

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I use two types of nest sites for breeding in my shed, the one on the left is for British Bird pairs and mule and hybrid pairs where the female is a finch, the standard bowl on the right is for my canaries and mule pairs where the female is a canary.

Finches require a more natural nest bowl but canaries are less fussy and a standard bowl is adequate.

Below I will describe the way to make the nest site on the left for the finch species and the type of bowl I use for my canaries



**British Finch Nest**

To make the Finch nest site I use in my cages you will first need 1 piece of 4mm plywood, 130mm wide by 115mm high, sloped on both sides with a screw slot in the centre top, and 1 piece of 10mm ply, 130mm wide by 100mm deep, drilled with holes in each corner and 2 holes in the centre 30mm apart,



**Traditional Canary Nest**

I use plastic bowls with holes in the bottom for ventilation and a felt liner.

I glue in the liner with 4 dots of silicone sealer and leave overnight to dry.

The liner will pull out easily after the breeding cycle, it also pays

then glue and panel pin them together. Then using a standard wicker basket fix the basket by bending the piece of wire that comes with the basket into a u shape, push it through the nest basket and through the 2 centre holes in the base of the wooden frame and twist them from underneath tightly using pliers, then in the 4 corner holes push a small branch of evergreen shrub, the picture on the right is using artificial christmas tree this can be washed and reused year after year, a tip I picked up from a good friend Jeff Hulme



to spray the liner with a good anti mite spray. Behind the nest bowl I fit a 6" square of plastic tile, between the bowl and the cage, this helps to keep the cage side clean from faeces that the young deposit.



Fit a 6" square of linoleum tile with a hole in the middle over the screw in the side of the cage then fit the bowl to keep the cage clean.

