Nest Box Examples

Bad Nest Box



- Toilet paper nest too flat forces baby birds to splay legs
- Nest is too high in the box risk of falling
- Knit nest has no support

Good Nest Box



- Toilet paper nest made with lots of spaces for the birds' legs
- Nest is low in box so baby birds can't fall out
- Knit nest is supported with bandana





Top Left: Nestling setup (with optional added greenery). Nest on ground for when they first move from incubator, perches so they can start practicing perching once old enough.

Bottom Photos: Mesh cages small (left) and large (right) with perch thickness appropriate for foot size and placed so that tail feathers do not rub against wall. Food and water dishes placed so they are not under perches.

Cage Type, ordered on Amazon:

- Smaller species/nestlings: 12"x12"x12" butterfly mesh cubes (look for ones with 2 zipper pulls!)
- Larger species/fledglings: 12"x24"x12" butterfly mesh cages (look for ones with 2 zipper pulls!)
- Larger species/want more space: butterfly mesh cages with pvc/plastic frame





