

## From 10 Ways to Survive Life in a Quarantine

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PASCAL – a teenager, could be male or female.

*Pascal is currently in quarantine due to a global pandemic.*

PASCAL

All right! Hey everybody! Pascal here!

And I am learning all kinds of new things in this quarantine! Like how to hide from the rest of my family! And the best place to go is here in the garage! And today, I will be showing you how to build a birdhouse. A birdhouse? That's right!

I know that you're thinking, why do the *birds* need houses, Pascal? Don't they build *nests* for themselves? Aren't you just encouraging the birds to be lazy and not do their own work by providing subsidized housing for them? Think about it: You don't build squirrel houses. I don't see anyone building a deer house out there. Those animals have to live outside like animals and all of a sudden you're privileging birds over the other animals? What the heck are you doing?

*PASCAL laughs, then thinks about it.*

You know you actually make some pretty good points there. I mean, do the birds need our help? Those dudes can FLY. All the other animals can't fly, they have to walk on the ground like idiots and we're making stuff for birds?! Birds POOP on your head. Do other animals poop on your head? No. Does a deer come out of the woods, climb up the side of your house, lean over the gutter, and poop on your head when you walk outside? No, deer do not do that.

Not to mention the fact that birds are free, right? They can fly ANYWHERE. It's like they're super-beings and I'm just stuck to the crust of the earth like a fool. They're not in quarantine. They're not worried about getting a stupid virus. They're basically running the show right now! Everywhere I look outside it's birds, no people! Birds are in charge. And I'm supposed to make them a house? I'm supposed to use my time in here to create something for a lazy, ignorant bird that can't even figure out how to make its own nest?

NO. NO MORE. I WILL NOT MAKE A BIRDHOUSE TODAY.

*Short pause.*

Yeah so I do my best thinking in the garage.