Can you build a nest like orangutans?

Background: Just like humans sleep in a bed, orangutans sleep in nests every night. In the wild, orangutans use branches, sticks, and leaves to create their nests. In zoos, you will see orangutans use blankets, sticks, leaves, and hay. They will weave together branches, leaves, and sticks to create the perfect resting spot. Depending on the orangutan, they might even add a roof or leafy pillows!

Description: Using the same types of materials orangutans use, see if you can build a nest perfect for sleeping in. Once you have created the perfect nest, take a picture and send it to our facebook page! You can also tag us!

Materials: Blankets, sticks, leaves, or hay



(Nest built by orangutan at Zoo Miami)