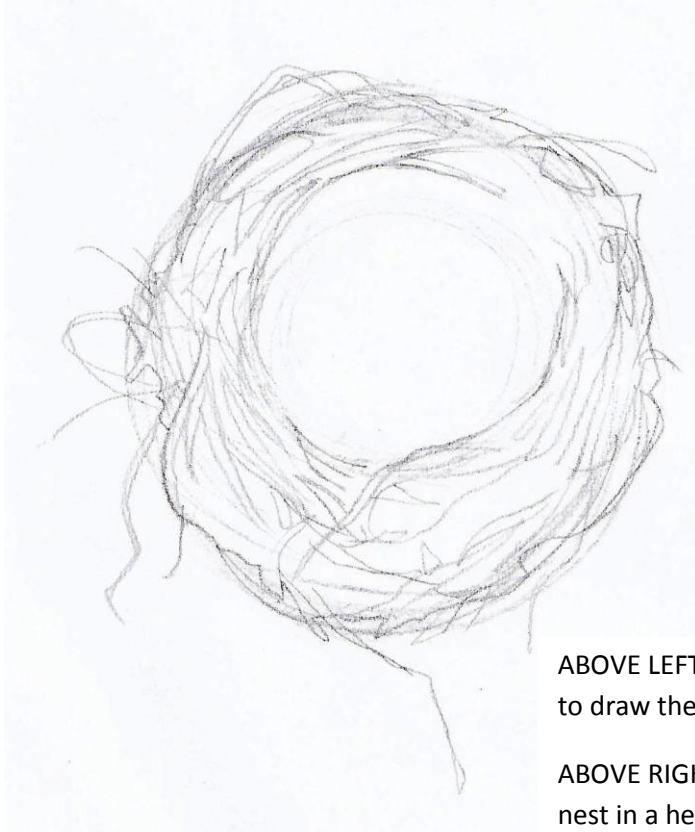


# Bird's Nest in Colored Pencil

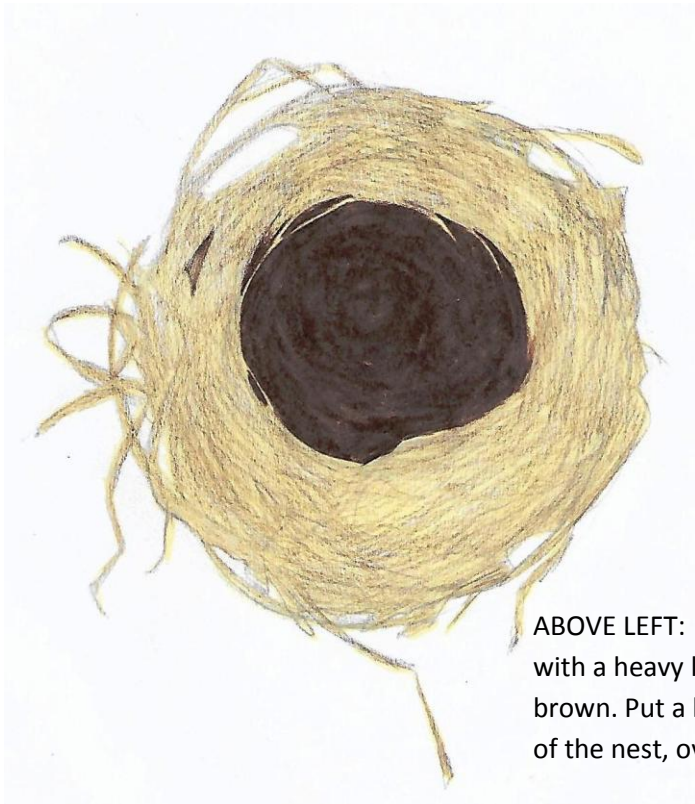
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ABOVE LEFT: Use a 2B or 4B pencil to draw the basic "doughnut" shape.



ABOVE RIGHT: Completely cover the nest in a heavy layer of Cream colored pencil.



ABOVE LEFT: Fill the center of the "doughnut" with a heavy layer of Dark Umber or other dark brown. Put a lighter layer of this color on the rest of the nest, over the Cream.



ABOVE RIGHT: Use the same brown to outline individual straws in the nest wall.



LEFT: Continue to outline the straws all the way around the nest. Shade between them to add depth and texture.

Use an X-Acto knife blade to scrape the dark center of the nest, creating the look of the fine grasses that line the cup.



LEFT: If your Cream underlayer is heavy enough, you can even scrape off entire egg shapes and add a clutch of eggs! I decided I wanted to draw eggs after the nest was finished. Despite the fact that the drawing is on copy paper, the Dark Umber scraped off easily without damaging the drawing and I was able to add blue (and a white highlight) for the eggs.