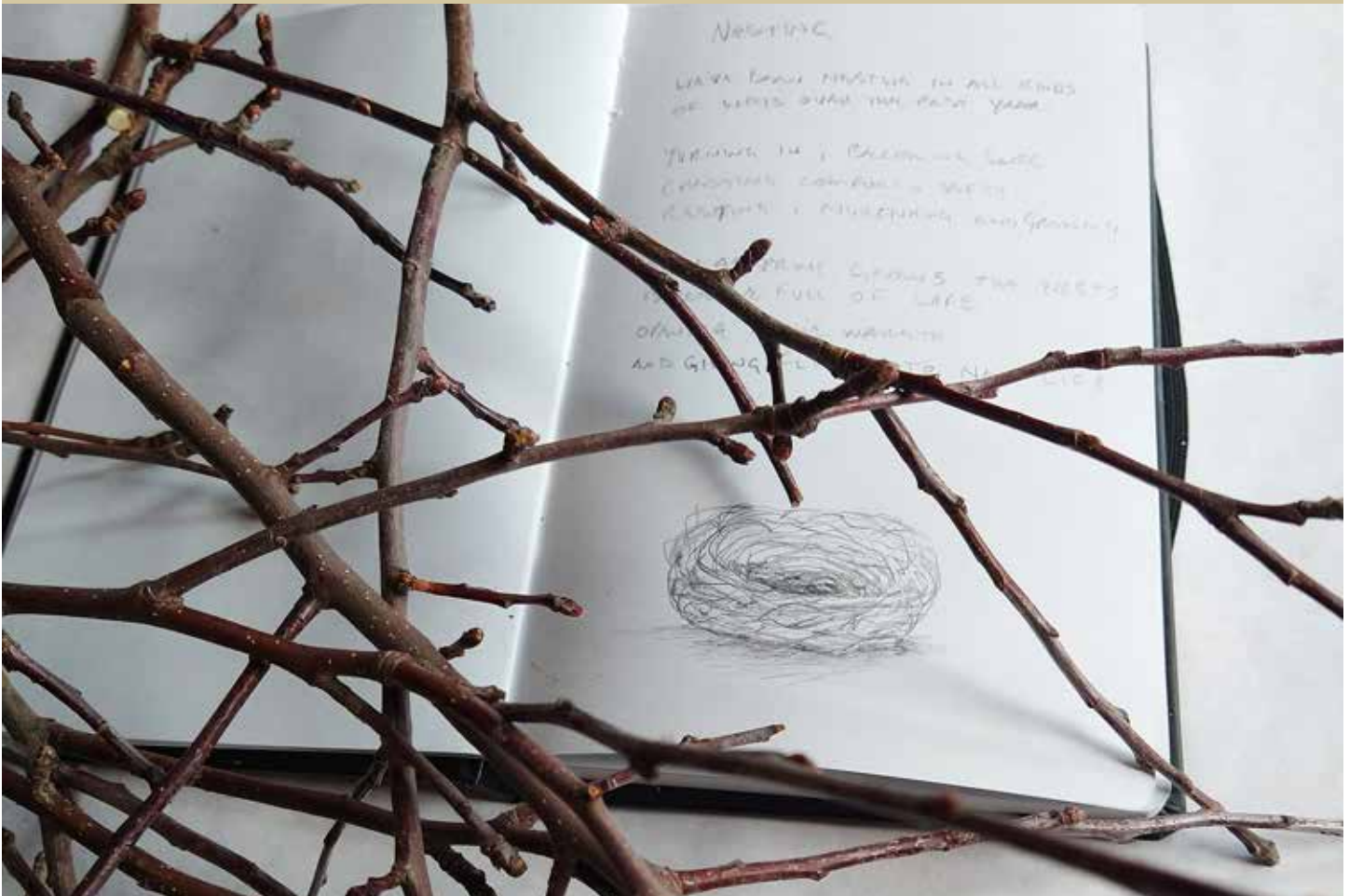


TIPS FOR BUILDING A NEST



- choose fallen branches based on the size of nest you want to make
- choose an appropriate location in your backyard if making a large-scale nest
- for large-scale nests, first clear a circled area on the ground the size you want your nest to be
- start placing your branches in a circle with the largest ones on the bottom
- continue weaving branches together as you circle around and build your nest
- for extra strength and support you can use cotton string to attach branches
- for small-scale nests, start weaving your branches in a circle using cotton string to help hold branches together
- continue to weave branches across the bottom, crisscrossing the branches to build your base
- once your base is formed, continue adding branches in a circle, weaving and building up the sides of your nest
- use cotton thread when needed to secure branches in place
- as an option, you can weave coloured thread or textiles into your nest
- be mindful of using materials that are safe for animals and the environment