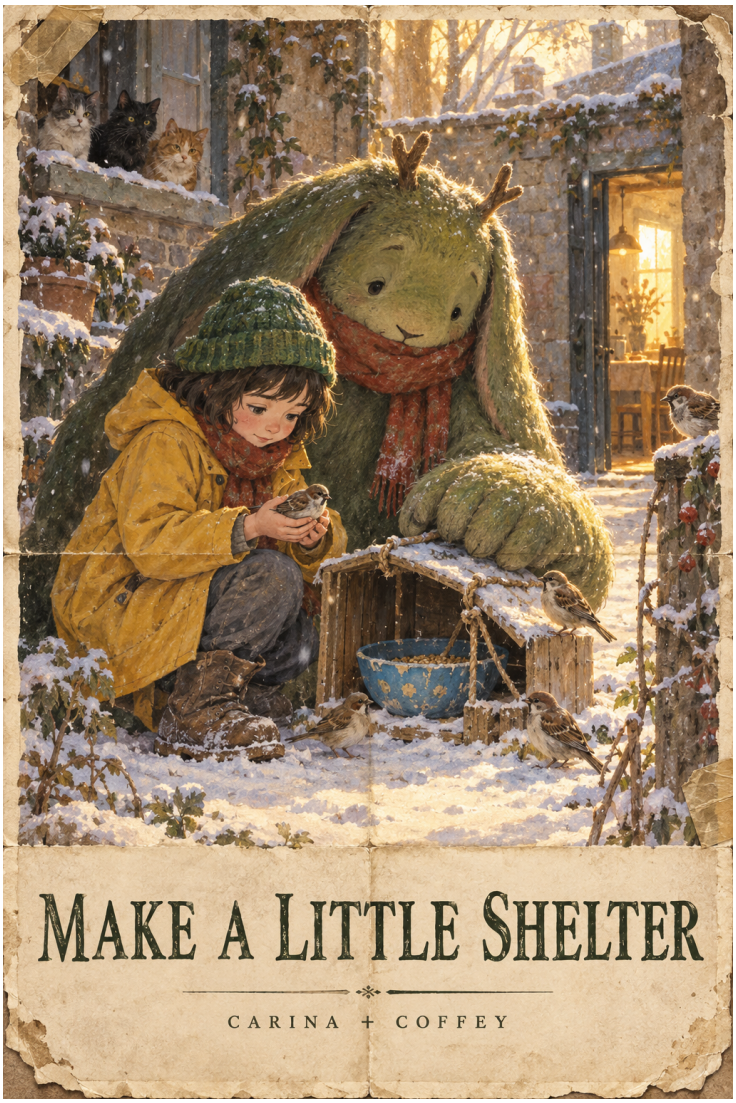
Small shelters count.

One little story. One small act of care.



Make a little shelter.

When rain turned to snow, Carina and Coffey used a blue bowl, an old crate, and dry straw to make a bird shelter by the wall.

“It is not very big,” Carina said. “Small shelters count,” said Coffey. A warm mug, a spare coat, a name remembered at supper - each one counted.

Pause together

Find the bowl, the little shelter and the birds. What is one small thing that makes this picture feel caring?

An excerpt from The Room That Made Space. Read aloud, take turns, or simply enjoy the picture. There is no quiz and no need to share a personal story.

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A little color. A little care.

Color the friends and their shelter in any colors you like.



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Make room for someone.

A gentle activity for home, a classroom or the library.

Talk, point, draw - or pass.

Notice. What can you see Carina and Coffey doing in the picture?

Wonder. Why might Coffey say, “Small shelters count”?

Connect. What could help someone feel welcome without asking them to talk?

Try one small thing today

Choose a comfortable shared spot with a grown-up. Set out a book and leave a place beside you.

Offer an invitation: “Would you like to sit with me?” It is okay if the answer is no, or not yet.

Read, look at pictures or sit quietly together. Later, notice what made that moment feel welcoming.

Draw or write your small act of care:

For the grown-up

Allow different answers and quiet participation. No one has to hug, talk or describe something private. The bird shelter is a story scene; this activity is about making a welcoming place for people, not handling wild animals.

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