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## Birds fly nest but go back

BIRDS build their first nest depending on how they were raised.

Just like humans, they seem to pick up colour and style from their parents, according to a new University of St Andrews study.

The research examined the construction speed and material preference in the first-time nest building of zebra finches.

Lead researcher Dr Alexis Breen said: "Which environmental ingredients are needed, and when, for animals to acquire technological know-how is a major outstanding question.

"Establishing links between the early-life environment and nest-building in birds was therefore very exciting."