

**MASTER CRAFTSMAN**

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**Whether you're a bird person or not, this is stunning!!! Not to detract from the sheer magic of it, but in practical terms, how MANY trips would a bird have to make with that tiny little quantity of mud/clay it could carry? (And how far from the nest is the source?)**

**If you take the construction of a circular bowl in your stride as instinctive how the world does the bird come up with the windbreak/entrance design that shields the eggs/chicks from the elements and if it's their first nesting season, at what point in fashioning the bowl do they "know" to start to configure it?**

**Even if you think you could build this...try it without using your hands! And now...stop to consider: Where did the knowledge, capacity to do this, originate? Seeds sprout, cells divide and grow. ...There must be Master Planner. Truly there has to be a Master Carpenter!?**

**Swallows in the general build mud nests close to overhead shelter in locations that are protected from both the weather and predators. The mud-nesters are most common in the Old World, particularly Africa, whereas cavity-nesters are the rule in the New World. Mud nesting species in particular are limited in areas of high humidity, which causes the mud nests to crumble. Mud nests are constructed by both males and females, and amongst the tunnel diggers the excavation duties are shared as well.**

































