

Easy & Fun Bird Feeders!



Cereal Bird Feeder

- Donut-Shaped Cereal (cheerios)
- Yarn

Cut a piece of yarn to one and a half or two feet long. Tie a pencil or any other object about the same size on one end of the yarn. String the cereal onto the yarn. Remove the pencil and tie both ends of the yarn together. Hang outside!

Cookie Cutter Bird Feeder

- Stale Bread Slices
- Cookie Cutters
- Yarn

Use the cookie cutters to shape stale bread into various shapes. Poke a small hole in the center of the bread shape (a straw works well!). String the yarn through the hole and tie. Hang outside!

Disappearing Bird Feeder

- Stale bagel
- Peanut butter
- Solid vegetable shortening (Crisco)
- Bird seed
- Yarn

Tie a piece of yarn around the bagel to hang. Mix peanut butter (creamy or chunky) with vegetable shortening. Use about 2/3 peanut butter (the vegetable shortening keeps the peanut butter from sticking in the bird's gullet). Roll in bird seed.

There you have it. All that will be left is the yarn. Tie it on and hang your feeder outside.

Egg Carton Bird Feeder

- Egg carton
- String
- Birdseed

Remove the lid and save for another use (to hold paints like a palette for example).

Fill the carton sections with birdseed.

Poke holes in the 4 corners of the carton and attach a string to each. Then gather the strings together at the center, knot, and hang the feeder outside.

TP Bird Feeder

- Cardboard toilet paper roll
- Wax paper or newspaper (about 8 inches by 8 inches at least)
- Honey
- Plastic or regular knife
- 2 foot piece of yarn
- Paper plate
- Bird seed (small seeds work best, sunflower seeds fall off).

Put the yarn through the hole in the toilet paper roll and lay out on a piece of wax paper or newspaper.

Spread the honey all around the outside of the roll. Put bird seed on a paper plate.

Roll toilet paper roll in bird seed. Tie a knot in the yarn, and hang on a tree!

This would be a fun activity to tie in with The Great Backyard Bird Watch, Feb. 13-16, 2004!
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