

## 2-Liter Feeder

- Poke holes through a pop bottle. Put a stick through two holes to make a perch. Add a second set of holes lower in the bottle. Help child fill with bird seed. Screw the cap on tightly. Tie a string around the bottleneck and hang from a tree or post.

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## How to Make a Bird Feeder Using Yogurt Cups

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Nothing is more relaxing than watching wild birds at a feeder. Everything you need to make your own bird feeders is probably in your [home](#), with the exception of bird seed. Making a bird feeder is so simple that a child could do it. It is a good project for scout troops working on birding badges. Making these bird feeders can also be an educational tool to teach youngsters about birds. Experiment with different types of bird seed to see the different species of birds each seed mix attracts. Here are the steps on how to make a bird feeder using yogurt cups.

### Difficulty:

Easy

## Instructions

- Single serve yogurt cups (1per feeder) 1/2 cup Lard or suet per feeder (See tip) 1/2 cup bird seed per feeder 12 inches of twine or strong string per feeder 1 Hook per feeder (optional) Scissors Refrigerator Microwave oven

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Heat the suet or lard in the [microwave](#) in a bowl at 30-second intervals. Stir after each 30 seconds until the suet is melted.

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Combine the suet and the bird seed in a bowl.

- 3  
Put one end of the twine into the bottom of the yogurt cup.
- 4  
Pour the suet and bird seed mixture into the yogurt cup on top of the string. There should be at least 8 inches of string still outside the yogurt cup.
- 5  
Tie the hook onto the free end of the string.
- 6  
Put the filled yogurt cup into the refrigerator for at least one hour, or until the suet is solidified.
- 7  
Carefully cut the yogurt cup from around the suet/bird seed mixture with the scissors.
- 8  
Hang the [bird feeder](#) with the hook from a tree outside of a window for best viewing.

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## How to Make a Recycled Bird Feeder

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Use an empty coffee can to make a bird feeder.

Placing a bird feeder will entice wild birds to your yard. However, choosing a bird feeder from your local garden supply store can be overwhelming with the number of choices available to you. Instead of sifting through the premade bird feeders, make your own using items from around your [home](#). Using things you have allows you to recycle and repurpose trash into treasures, saving your money while helping the environment.

**Difficulty:**

Moderately Easy

## Instructions

- 1/2-gallon plastic milk carton
- Soap
- Utility knife
- 10-inch dowel rod
- 72 inches of twine
- Birdseed
- Metal coffee can
- Acrylic paint
- Paintbrush
- 2 eyehooks
- Plastic coffee can lid
- Hot glue

### 1. Milk Carton

○ 1

Clean an empty 1/2-gallon plastic milk carton using soap and water. Turn the carton upside down and let it dry overnight.

○ 2

Use a utility knife to cut a 2-inch hole in the side of the milk carton. If the carton has circular indentations on the side, cut around one of those. Discard the cut-out piece.

○ 3

Make a 1/4-inch X in the side of the carton 1 inch below the 2-inch hole. Make a second X on the opposite side of the carton, parallel to the first X. Insert a 10-inch dowel rod through the X's to create a bird perch. Position the perch so it goes through both X's and sticks out 2 inches from the X under the hole.

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Tie a 24-inch piece of twine around the neck of the milk carton. Tie the other end of the twine to a tree. Fill the inside with birdseed.

## 2. Coffee Can

○ 1

Remove the label from a large metal [coffee](#) can. Clean the inside of the can with soap and water. Turn the can over and allow it to dry overnight.

○ 2

Paint the outside of the can with [acrylic paint](#). Use a paintbrush to decorate the can with any color or pattern you desire.

○ 3

Use a drill to place two holes in the side of the can. Space the holes 4 inches apart in a parallel line the length of the can. Insert an eyehook into each hole. This allows you a place to hang the completed birdfeeder.

○ 4

Cut a 2-inch hole in the plastic lid of the coffee can lid. Position the hole 1 inch above the edge of the lid. Cut the hole with a utility knife and discard the cut-out piece. Cut a 1/4-inch X below the cutout using the utility knife. Insert a 3-inch-long dowel rod into the X, so that 1 inch is inside the lid and 2 inches outside the lid. Apply hot glue around the dowel rod to hold it in place. Let the hot glue cool for three to five minutes.

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Tie a 24-inch piece of twine to each of the two eyehooks in the can. Tie the other end of the twine to a tree branch. Fill the inside of the can with birdseed. Place the lid on the can with the hole down.

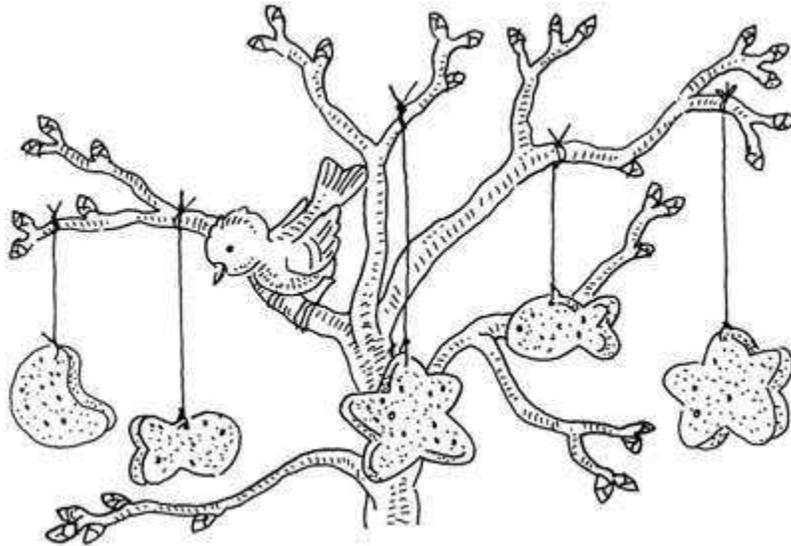
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## **Bird Breakfast Bird Feeder**

The breakfast in the Bird Breakfast Bird Feeder is strictly for the birds -- don't you taste it!

**What You'll Need:**

- 2 cups biscuit baking mix
- Water
- 2 tablespoons margarine
- 2 tablespoons sesame seeds
- 2 tablespoons sunflower seeds
- Measuring cup and spoons
- Mixing bowl
- Mixing spoon
- Rolling pin
- Cookie cutters
- Spatula
- Baking sheet
- Straw
- Small saucepan
- Pastry brush
- Fork
- Cooling rack
- Ribbon



**Bird Breakfast Bird Feeder**

**Step 1:** Ask an adult to preheat the oven to 425 degrees. Add enough water (just a few tablespoons) to the baking mix to form a soft dough.

**Step 2:** Roll out the dough to 3/4-inch thickness, and cut it into shapes with the cookie cutters.

**Step 3:** Using a spatula, put the shapes on a baking sheet. Use the straw to punch a hole in the top of each cookie.

**Step 4:** Ask an adult to melt the margarine. Brush the melted margarine over the dough. Sprinkle the seeds onto the dough, and press them in firmly with a fork.

**Step 5:** Bake for 15 to 20 minutes or until light brown. Remove cookies with a spatula, and place them on a cooling rack.

**Step 6:** When the cookies are cool, thread brightly colored ribbon through the holes. Hang the bird snacks in a tree.

Now wait for the birds to enjoy their breakfast.

(Note: If birds don't eat the biscuits right away, check after a few days to be sure the biscuits aren't moldy. If they are, remove them from the tree and make fresh ones.)

## Bird Cake Bird Snacks

These Bird Cake Bird Snacks are sure to make your feathered friends happy.

### What You'll Need:

- Bread crumbs
- Unsalted nuts
- Raisins
- Sugar
- Corn meal
- Flour
- Bird seed
- Peanut butter
- Bacon drippings
- String

**Step 1:** Begin with two cups of bread crumbs (use mom's old, dry bread crusts -- the birds won't mind, and mom will like the fact that they don't go to waste).

**Step 2:** Mix in a handful of unsalted nuts, two handfuls of raisins, one cup of sugar, a half-cup of corn meal, a half-cup of flour, and one cup of bird seed.

**Step 3:** Add eight ounces of peanut butter and some bacon drippings to hold the mix together.

**Step 4:** Shape the bird snack into "donuts" and freeze. Once they're frozen, carefully hang the bird cakes from your favorite trees and watch the birds chow down.

## Milk Carton Meal Bird Feeder

Put those old milk cartons to good use with the Milk Carton Meal Bird Feeder.

### What You'll Need:

- Empty milk carton
- Bird cakes
- Hole puncher
- String

If your yard is a little short on trees with bending branches, hang your bird cakes in special milk carton feeders.

**Step 1:** Make the [bird cake recipe listed here](#).

**Step 2:** Instead of shaping the mixture into donuts, fill the bottom of a milk carton with the treat.

**Step 3:** Punch holes in the carton and run strings from corner to corner, tying them together where they meet at the top.

**Step 4:** Hang these treats from rain gutters or flagpoles to provide your birds a safe and delicious treat.

You can:

- Set a pie tin on a stool or flat topped tree trunk or hang it in a hanging plant hanger; dump it out after a rain, or punch drainage holes in it, and elevate it a little by placing small rocks or twigs beneath it. (All birds, specially Juncos, Cardinals, Jays, Sparrows)
- Punch holes on either side of a plastic pop bottle, stick a twig all the way through with its ends sticking out for perches and poking more holes nearby for the birds to pull the seeds out. Then hang the bottle by tying a string around its neck. (Finches really like these!)
- Coat a pine cone with peanut butter, roll it in birdseed, and hang it from a tree branch;
- Use a rectangle of old window = screening. Wear heavy cotton gloves and use needle-nosed pliers to crimp the loose wire edges back (so they won't poke the birds nor snag their feathers), fold it in half, run two string hangers through the corners on each side, and hanging it. Slide in a suet/birdseed cake from the grocery store, or make a "cake" of oatmeal, birdseed, and peanut butter. (Cardinals, Jays, Robins, = Sparrows)
- Stick a piece of bread, a doughnut, or half of an orange, on a twiggy branch of the tree (the Orioles will LOVE the orange!)
- Tie a string around the neck of a baby food jar and fill with orange juice. Hang it from a tree. (It will hang tilted, but Orioles will perch on the rim and take dainty sips).

There are many ways to recycle plastic containers, such as old milk jugs. If you are a bird watcher, or have children you would like to educate on the importance of recycling and the beauty of nature, building this bird feeder is a fun and simple project that only takes an hour. Best of all, this feeder can be made with materials you have at [home](#).

**Difficulty:**

Moderately Easy

## Instructions

- Empty milk jug or plastic container

- 3 feet of thin wire
- Scissors
- Permanent marker
- Bird seed

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Wash and rinse the milk jug, inside and out. Dry thoroughly.
- 2  
Draw two circles measuring about six inches around and three inches from the bottom of the jug on either flat side of the jug, using the permanent marker.
- 3  
Cut out the holes using the **scissors**.
- 4  
Remove the cap from the jug and wrap part of the wire securely around the mouth of the jug. Leave two or two and a half feet of the wire loose to use as the **hanger**.
- 5  
Fill the jug up to the holes with bird seed. Replace the cap and hang the feeder from a hanger or tree branch.

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