



CREATE YOUR OWN BIRD FEEDER

Making a homemade birdfeeder is easy, and there are many different ways you can create one by using objects and food found around your house, like recycled plastic milk jugs and cardboard milk or juice cartons. Plus, it can be an extremely rewarding activity. Not only will you help birds find their next meal and reuse what would have been garbage or recycling, but you will also have a chance to view a variety of birds right outside your home.

Keep a journal of the types of birds that come to your feeder. If you do not know the names of the birds, then you can always draw a picture of what you see. Remember to check your birdfeeder often and refill it when the food contents are running low.

Materials:

- Empty cardboard milk carton or plastic milk jug
- Scissors
- String or cord
- Hole punch or pencil
- Food for birds, which may include: birdseed, oats, raisins, trail mix, peanuts, etc.



Instructions:

1. Rinse out the empty cardboard milk carton or plastic milk jug with water.
2. Using the scissors, cut a hole in the side of the carton or milk jug. Make sure the hole is big enough so that a bird could sit inside and eat the seed. But, you do not want it so big that the carton or jug would be unstable when hanging. It is recommended to have an adult help with the cutting.
3. Either using the scissors, a hole punch or pencil, poke or punch a small hole in the top to put your string or cord through. If you are using a cardboard carton, you may want to punch a hole on both sides of the flap at the top to make it hang more evenly. Once your string is through the hole, tie the string into a knot.
4. Fill the carton with your mix of food until it is just below the hole.
5. Hang the carton on a tree branch. Watch and wait for the birds to come and enjoy their snack!