

How to Build a Bird Feeder

Would you like to help birds in your garden? Follow these simple steps to create your own bird feeder using recycled materials.

You will need:

- An empty plastic bottle
- Two wooden sticks or pencils
- String
- Bird seed
- Scissors (ask an adult for help)

Instructions:

1. Wash the bottle and remove any labels.
2. Make two small holes near the bottom of the bottle on opposite sides.
3. Push one stick through both holes to create a perch.
4. Make another set of holes above the perch and push the second stick through.
5. Cut a small hole above each perch so the birds can reach the seed.
6. Fill the bottle with bird seed.
7. Tie string around the top and hang your feeder from a tree or hook.

Top Tip: Hang the feeder somewhere quiet and safe from cats.

Soon, you'll see birds visiting every day!

ART & D.T. Reading Comprehension – Key Stage 2 – Year 4

1. What are two materials you need to build the bird feeder?
2. Why must you ask an adult for help with the scissors?
3. What do you push through the holes to make a perch?
4. Why are small holes cut above the perch?
5. What should you fill the bottle with?
6. Where should you hang the bird feeder, and why is that important?
7. What does the word “perch” mean in this text?
8. What is the first step you must do before building the feeder?

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1. An empty plastic bottle and bird seed (other valid answers: string, sticks, scissors).
2. Because scissors can be dangerous.
3. Wooden sticks or pencils.
4. So birds can reach the seed.
5. Bird seed.
6. In a quiet place, safe from cats — to protect the birds.
7. A place where birds can stand or sit while they eat.
8. Wash the bottle and remove any labels.