



# How to Build a Seed Feeder

## What you'll need:

- Empty juice carton, milk jug, or another container
- Safety scissors
- Dowels, sticks, pipe cleaners, or skewers
- String, ribbon, or pipe cleaners
- Hot glue (for an adult)
- Birdseed

## How to make it:

1. Choose a container for your feeder. Empty juice cartons or milk jugs work well.
2. Find the volume of your container, so you'll know how much seed you'll need to fill it.
3. Measure and cut holes in the sides, but don't cut off the bottom! Holes in the sides let birds reach the food.
4. Add places for the birds to sit while they eat. These are called perches. Use dowels, sticks, pipe cleaners, or skewers. Glue or tape them to the bottom or sides of your feeder.
5. Add something to hang up your feeder. You can use string, ribbon, or a pipe cleaner. If needed, ask a grown-up to help you poke a hole in the top of your feeder to put the string through.
6. Fill your feeder with birdseed and hang up outside.



## How To Make Birdseed:

### What you'll need:

- Spoon and measuring cups
- Mixing bowl
- 2–4 kinds of birdseed for local birds, such as sunflower, millet, flax, cracked corn, and safflower seeds
- Seed butter and other foods that are safe and nontoxic for local birds (optional)

### How to make it:

1. Find out what local birds in your area like to eat.
2. Decide what seeds and ratio to use for your recipe, like 1 spoonful of flaxseed for every 4 of cracked corn.
3. Draw or list each seed on a sheet of paper.
4. Tally your spoonfuls as you measure and mix your birdseed.
5. Fill the feeder with your seed.