

BIRDSEED BIRD FEEDERS

People like to eat seeds, and so do birds!

You can welcome birds to your backyard by hanging up these simple birdfeeders.

Gelatin Birdfeeder

MATERIALS:

- ½ cup cold water
- ½ cup boiling water
- 2 packets of gelatin
- 2 Tablespoons of corn syrup
- 2 ½ cups of bird seed
- Cookie Cutters
- Straws cut in 2" pieces
- Parchment paper
- Twine or other kind of string



DIRECTIONS:

1. Mix the gelatin with a half cup of cold water and stir till dissolved
2. Add a half cup of hot/boiling water to the bowl. Continue to stir slowly
3. Add 2 tablespoons of corn syrup and stir until dissolved. (Quick tip: spray the tablespoon with a little non-stick spray and the corn syrup will slide right off)
4. Mix in the bird seed. Keep mixing until the gelatin/ corn syrup mixture evenly coats the seeds. Let this rest for a couple minutes if the mixture seems sticky or watery.
5. Spoon the seed mixture into the cookie cutters. Fill the cookie cutters about half way and press the seeds firmly into the mold. Fill the cookie cutter to the top & press again.
6. To make a hole for your twine, push in the straw. Leave plenty of room between the straw and the edge. Press around the straw to ensure the seeds will hold shape around the hole.
7. Place the cookie cutters in the fridge to set overnight. Once set, remove the cookie cutters by gently pushing at the edges until it falls out, taking extra care with detailed cookie cutters.
8. Pop the straws out & thread the twine.

Day-Old Bread Bird Feeder

Materials

- Sliced day-old bread
- Cookie cutters
- Peanut butter, Sunflower butter, or honey
- Native bird birdseed
- Hole punch
- String or yarn



Directions:

1. Use cookie cutters to cut shapes from slices of day-old bread
2. Make a hole at the top with hole punch and let the shapes dry over night
3. Loop string through hole and tie
4. Gently spread shapes with peanut butter, sunflower butter, or honey
5. Sprinkle birdseed on top. Pat in place gently and let dry before hanging up for the birds