

# MAKE YOUR OWN BIRD FEEDER

Make and hang your own bird feeder made from recycled things we don't need anymore, and make some new bird friends! The birds will be very happy you did! Tweet Tweet!



## MATERIALS

- milk or juice carton (make sure you rinse it out)
- craft paint
- spray primer for plastic
- paint brushes
- marker
- utility knife / scissors
- bird seed
- hot glue / white glue / glue stick
- twine or yarn
- dowel / pencil



## DECORATIONS

- popsicle sticks / trim with sheers
- buttons
- bottle caps
- popsicle sticks

## STEPS

1. Prime your juice or milk container with white primer or white paint (or spray paint for plastic). Let dry.
2. Draw and cut out the door and window. Make sure to leave enough of a box at the bottom of your carton to hold the bird seed.  
Cut out the carton with a utility knife or scissors.
3. Paint the carton your base color and let dry.
4. Now it's time to decorate! You can add popsicle sticks for a fence, use stickers and markers to draw in features, or use bottle caps and other recycled objects to look like windows!
5. Make two small holes at the top of the carton to attach your string so it can hang. Add a hole below the window for the perch dowel. Add another hole on the back of the carton for the dowel to go through so it is stabilized.
6. Push dowel or pencil through from the front hole to the back hole.
7. String a piece of yarn through the top two holes for hanging and tie a knot.
8. Add bird seed to the feeder.
9. Hang the feeder somewhere where the birds can reach it, and sit back while they enjoy!

