

# Like it? Make it! Feathered friend feeder

Winter is a tough time for birds, so treat them to a feast with this brilliant bird feeder...



## What you'll need

- Milk or juice carton (rinse it out well)
- Scissors
- Ice lolly sticks
- Non-toxic waterproof oil-based paints
- Paintbrush
- Strong string or thin wire
- PVA glue
- Rock
- Nail
- Bird seed
- Paper
- 2p coin
- Ruler

## Start here!



**1** On a piece of paper, draw a 6cm by 6cm square. Then, using a coin, round-off the two top corners of the square. Cut this shape out and trace it onto one side of the carton, 4cm up from the bottom.



**2** Carefully cut out the shape – ask an adult for help when using the scissors because this part can get tricky!



**3** Time to transform the carton! Paint over the writing and pictures with brightly coloured paints, then leave to dry.



**4** Glue the ice lolly sticks (if you can't find coloured ones, paint them yourself) onto the top slope of the carton to make the roof – then get creative! Decorate the feeder with glitter pens or coloured shapes.



**5** Ask an adult to help with this step. Make two small holes at the top of the carton by pushing the nail through, then feed the string or wire through the holes. Make a slit with your scissors 2cm below the door and push a lolly stick through. This is for the birds to use as a perch.



**6** Find a heavy rock and glue it to the inside bottom of the carton, to add weight to your feeder. Now your feeder's ready to hang it outside. Make sure you put it in a place where you can watch the birds when they drop in for lunch!



# Quick bird cake

Here's a recipe for a tasty treat the birds will love...



## What you'll need

- Small, empty yoghurt pot
- Mixing bowl
- Spoon
- Nail
- 25cm string
- 28g raisins
- 28g unsalted peanuts
- 50g bird seed
- 28g grated cheese
- 50g suet or lard



## Start here!

**1** Leave the lard to warm up to room temperature, but don't let it melt. Then cut it up into small pieces and put it in the mixing bowl.



**2** Add the bird seed, raisins and cheese in the bowl and mix it all together with your finger tips until the fat holds the mix together.



**3** Using the nail, make a hole in the bottom of the yoghurt pot, thread the string through and tie a knot on the inside of the pot to stop the string slipping through.



**4** Spoon the mixture into the pot and press it down firmly. Put in the fridge for an hour to let your bird cake set.

**5** Once your bird cake is ready, just hang it from a tree, keep quiet and watch out for the birds!



See if you can spot some of the birds that visit your feeder on this issue's Wildlife watch! poster.

Prop up potatoes like bowling pins and see how many you can knock down with an orange...