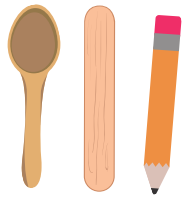


PLASTIC BOTTLE BIRD FEEDERS

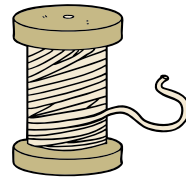
What you will need



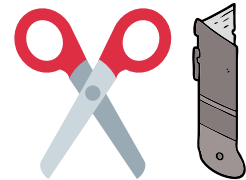
Plastic bottle



Perch



String or twine



Something to cut with

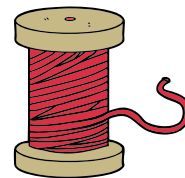
Optional decorations



Paint



Eye hook



Colorful yarn/twine



Step 1. Preparing your bottle

Clean your bottle and remove any labels. Make sure your bottle completely dries before moving on.



Step 3. Add feeding ports

Cut a hole about an inch above your perch to allow the birds to feed. The size of the hole will depend on what type of feed you plan to use.



Step 2. Add perches

Add perches to your bottle. Cut holes just large enough to fit your perch about 1 1/2 inch from the bottom of the bottle. Add additional perches at least 2 inches higher. The perches should fit snugly in the holes. Use a bit of glue to secure them if needed.



Step 4. Attach the hanger

Tie the twine or string around the neck of the bottle to hang it.



Step 5. Hang your feeder

Find a branch to hang it from outside, fill with bird seed, and watch your feathered friends enjoy!



Watch an ORLA staff member make their own plastic bottle bird feeder here: <https://youtu.be/9qhnp6S-ABk>

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NEED HELP IDENTIFYING BIRDS AT YOUR FEEDER?

Check out these books at your library!

The Sibley field guide to birds of eastern North America - David Sibley

At Oil City

Birds at your feeder: a guide to feeding habits, behavior, distribution, and abundance - Erica H. Dunn

Bird Feeding Tips

Try different kinds of feed to see what different birds you can attract.

Keep your bird feeder clean. Wet or spoiled seed can spread disease to your neighborhood flock. Wet seed can also grow deadly mold.

Pick a spot for you bird feeder away from windows to prevent any fatal crashes. If you do have to place it near a window, do so within three feet. That way the birds won't have gained enough momentum for a potential crash to be deadly.

The encyclopedia of North American birds - Michael Vanner

At Franklin


The National Audubon Society field guide to North American birds. Eastern region - John L. Bull

Audubon backyard birdwatcher : birdfeeders & bird gardens - Richard Burton




At Cooperstown

The Sibley guide to birds - David Allen Sibley

OR

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