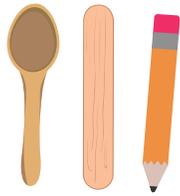


# PLASTIC BOTTLE BIRD FEEDERS

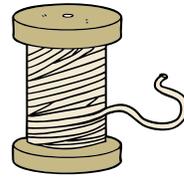
## What you will need



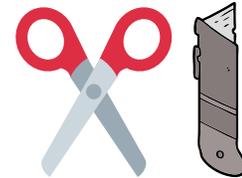
Plastic bottle



Perch



String or twine



Something to cut with

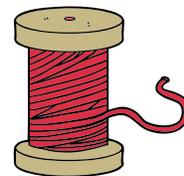
## Optional decorations



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>

Flip this sheet over for helpful tips!

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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.

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

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

Audubon backyard birdwatcher : birdfeeders & bird gardens - Richard Burton

At Cooperstown

The Sibley guide to birds - David Allen Sibley

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.

OR

Use the  Audubon Bird Guide App. It's free to use and can help you identify over 800 species of North American birds.



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