

Make a bird feeder

Materials:

- One plastic drink bottle with cap (works best with a round bottle)
- Two willow sticks about 20cm long (a bit longer if using a 1- or 2-litre bottle)
- A drawing pin and nail scissors for punching and cutting the holes in the bottle
- String 40cm-45cm long

Instructions:

- 1 Wash the bottle and if possible remove the label.
- 2 To make the perches, use a drawing pin to punch two holes opposite each other near the bottom of the bottle and cut small holes with scissors.
- 3 Insert a stick so that it passes through one hole, through the bottle, and out the other side. Repeat this to make the other perch just above the first (see diagram).
- 4 Now you're ready to make the feeding holes. Use a drawing pin and scissors to make a small hole about 4cm above each perch (about 0.75cm wide). Keep in mind that the seeds will just fall out if the holes are too big.
- 5 To make the hanger, poke a hole in one side of the bottle neck and then the other.
- 6 Thread the string through the holes in the bottle neck and tie the ends together.
- 7 To do at home: remove the cap and fill the feeder with sunflower seeds or mixed seeds. (A small household funnel will make this easier to do.)
- 8 Screw the cap back on and hang the feeder from a tree branch or hook outside. Keep clean and replenished!

Remember to follow safety guidelines if you are doing this activity with children.

