LET'S MAKE A PINOCONE BIRD FEEDER!

DIFFICULTY: MEDIUM

Birds eat many types of food – from insects to berries to seeds and nuts – and all birds have their favorites! Try adding different bird foods to your feeder to see which ones your local birds enjoy most!

MATERIALS

- 4 to 6 pinecones (with most scales open)
- Sturdy stick, about 2 feet long
- Twine or hemp cord
- Peanut butter
- Birdseed (e.g. sunflower seeds)
- Popsicle stick or butter knife (for spreading the peanut butter)
- Medium-sized bowl or shallow pan

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cut a piece of twine double the length of the stick you found. Tie one end of the twine to one end of the stick. Be sure to use a double knot! Tie the other end of twine to the other end of the stick. This is how you will hang your feeder! (See Step 1 photo)

2. Cut different lengths of twine for each of your pinecones. Each length should be at least six inches.

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3. Tie one piece of twine in a double knot around the top of each pinecone. (See Step 3 photo)

4. Fill your bowl with birdseed.

5. Generously spread the peanut butter onto each pinecone. (See Step 5 photo)

6. Roll each pinecone in the bowl with birdseed until it is covered with the seed. (See Step 6 photo)

7. Tie the other end of each piece of twine to different areas of your stick.

8. Your bird feeder is ready for action! Find a tree branch in a shady spot and look out for birds!

PARENT NOTE:

This birdfeeder is ideal for cooler weather. For the summer, you can place the prepared pinecones in the freezer first. You can also prepare extra pinecones and store them in the freezer for when it is time to replenish your feeder!

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LET'S MAKE A BIRD FEEDER WITH TOILET PAPER ROLLS!

DIFFICULTY: MEDIUM

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MATERIALS

- 5 toilet paper rolls
- Sturdy stick, about 2 feet long
- Twine or hemp cord
- Peanut butter
- Birdseed (e.g. sunflower seeds)
- A hole puncher or scissors
- Medium-sized bowl or shallow pan
- Popsicle stick or butter knife (for spreading peanut butter)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Punch a hole at the top of each toilet paper roll.

2. Cut a piece of twine double the length of the stick you found. Tie one end of the twine to one end of the stick. Be sure to use a double knot! Tie the other end of twine to the other end of the stick. This is how you will hang your feeder! (See Step 2 photo)

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3 Cut different lengths of twine for each of your toilet paper rolls. Each piece should be at least six inches long.

4 Put the twine through the hole you punched in the toilet paper roll and tightly double knot the twine. (See Step 4 photo)

5 Fill your bowl with birdseed.

6 Generously spread the peanut butter onto each toilet paper roll with your popsicle stick or butter knife.

7 Roll each toilet paper roll in the bowl with birdseed until it is completely covered.

8 Tie the other end of each piece of twine to different parts of your stick. (See Step 8 photo)

9 It’s time to feed your neighborhood birds! Find a tree branch in a shady spot and look out for birds!

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