

Make Your Own Recycled Bird Feeder Instructions

This craft uses sharp objects. Be careful, or have someone help you if you are not comfortable following these instructions yourself.

What you'll need:

- empty plastic bottle
- exacto knife or scissors
- something to puncture holes through the plastic (like an awl or nail)
- string or wire
- skewer or wooden dowel
- paint, jute twine, tree trimmings, anything to decorate (optional)

Step 1: Clean out the bottle and remove labels, then carefully cut out the openings. Only cut three sides of a rectangle, leaving the top so it can lift up and out like a flap. Do this on both sides.

Step 2: Using an awl or a nail, make a hole in the bottom side of the flap. Then feed a wire or string through the hole. Tie a knot then take the other end and tie it around the neck of the bottle so that the flap looks like an awning. Do this for both sides.

Step 3: Make a hole in the bottle cap. Feed both ends of wire or string through the hole and knot them together on the inside of the cap. This will make a loop so you can hang your bottle.

Step 4: Make a hole in the bottle just under the opening. Make sure the hole is in the same spot on both sides. Guide a skewer or wooden dowel through one hole and out the other. This will make a perch for the birds on both sides of the feeder.

Optional: Decorate using paint, rope, tree trimmings, or whatever you have lying around! (younger children can help with this step)