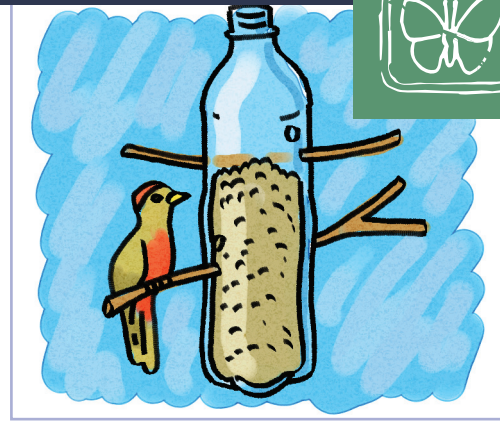




# How to make a bird feeder

You can make your own bird feeder quickly and easily using a plastic bottle.



## You will need:

- a plastic bottle (0.5 or 1.5 litres);
- two sticks about 20 centimetres long (you can use twigs, pencils, chopsticks etc.);
- tools for making holes (awl, scissors or knife);
- a piece of string (20 to 30 centimetres long); and
- birdseed.

## Instructions:

- Clean and dry the bottle. This will prevent the seeds from turning mouldy.
- Make two holes towards the base of the bottle, one on each side, so that you can push the wooden stick through the bottle for the birds to perch on. Repeat slightly higher up and on the opposite sides, so that the second stick is at right angles to the first (see picture).
- Cut small holes about 4 centimetres above the sticks on each side so that the birds can peck at the seeds. Take care: If the holes are too big, the seeds will spill out.
- Make two holes in the neck of the bottle and thread the string through.
- Fill the bottle with seeds.
- Hang the feeder high up on a balcony or in the backyard or garden.

## Helpful tips:

- Always use raw, unsalted birdseed. Sunflower seeds are especially good.
- Birds need time to get used to a new place to feed. Sometimes it can take up to a week, so be patient.
- Think carefully about where to hang the feeder – it needs to be somewhere out of the reach of cats.
- Regularly refill the feeder during the winter months.