

Build Your Own Bird Feeder

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MATERIALS

- Tin-can
- Plastic lid
- Scissors
- Wooden dowel
- Duct tape
- Markers
- Birdseed
- String, twine
- Optional: Binoculars, camera, notebook, and pencil.

HOW LONG WILL
THIS TAKE TO DO?
(making birdfeeder)
15-20 minutes
Multiple days for
observing birds

ACADEMIC SUBJECT(S):

Art: VA: CR 1.2.3.PK-5

VA: PR 5.PK-5

Science: 5-LS2-1, 3-LS3-2,
3-LS4-2, 3-LS4-3,4, 2-LS4-1,
K-LS1-1, P-LS1-1

In this craft you will use recycled cans to make a birdfeeder that will bring birds to you! This lesson can be run in two parts. The first being the creation of the birdfeeder which will be done with the provided materials and can be created in your own individual style! The second will be to observe the birds who feed on the birdfeeder you have created. The study of birds is called ornithology, and you can start your career as an ornithologist by watching the birds eat from your creation.

DIRECTIONS

STEP 1 The tin-can that you have been provided has had the lid taken off on one side. With this can decorate however you would like, you may design with your tape, or use markers to decorate the can.

STEP 2 Using scissors, cut the plastic lid provided in half.

STEP 3 Using the duct tape, fasten the wooden dowel on the outside of the can (this will be the perch for the bird to eat on).

STEP 4 Using string or twine make a loop that you can hang your birdfeeder from, you may wrap the can with your string or tape it.

STEP 5 Place your halved lid on the open side of your feeder, and fill your birdfeeder with birdseed, being careful to not overflow.

OPTIONAL: If you would like to take time and observe what kind of birds are eating from your feeder, it may be wise to get a notebook and draw/write down what birds you see. While also taking their pictures to help identify what birds are paying you a visit!



VOCABULARY

ORNITHOLOGISTS: Studies all aspects of birds including bird songs, colors, flight and migration patterns, and so much more!