

# BUILD YOUR OWN BIRDFEEDER!



## WELCOME BIRDS INTO YOUR GARDEN BY FOLLOWING THESE SIMPLE STEPS TO BUILDING YOUR VERY OWN BIRD FEEDER!

All you need is an empty plastic bottle and some everyday household items. You can even make your own bird feed! In this video our waste education expert Jon Crisp explains the how-to: [youtu.be/sWoMDkK4VgU](https://youtu.be/sWoMDkK4VgU)



### WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

- Garden wire, twine or string (about 25cm long)
- Chopping board (to protect work surface)
- Bird feed (or make your own!)
- Clean plastic bottle (about 500ml size)
- Two pencils
- Skewer
- Scissors
- Measuring jug
- Large bowl
- A grown-up to assist you

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## BUILD YOUR BIRDFEEDER:



### 1 HOLES FOR THE PERCH

Place the chopping board on your work surface to protect it. Ask a grown-up to help you. Using the skewer make two sets of holes opposite each other roughly 4cm from the bottom of the bottle. Enlarge the holes using the scissors.

### 2 FITTING THE PERCH

Push the pencils through the holes at 90 degrees to each other as shown in the picture.

### 3 FEEDING HOLES

Using a skewer, make a feed hole above each of the perches. Enlarge the hole using scissors. The hole should be roughly the same size as a five pence piece.

### 4 FITTING THE HANGING WIRE

Using the skewer, carefully make two holes near the neck of the bottle. Then thread garden wire, twine or string through the holes. Bring ends together to form loop and twist or tie.

### 5 FILLING THE BIRD FEEDER

Remove the bottle top and place the bottle in the bowl. Use the measuring jug to carefully pour bird feed into the bottle to about 2cm from the top.

Replace the bottle top, hang your feeder on the branch of a tree and enjoy watching the birds!

### MAKE YOUR OWN BIRD FEED:

You can make your own bird feed using a combination of any of the following ingredients:

- DRIED BREADCRUMBS
- PORRIDGE OATS
- CRUSHED CEREAL
- NYJER SEEDS
- SMALL OR CRUSHED NUTS
- SUNFLOWER SEEDS



Why not share pictures of your creations with us on your social channels using **#AmeyED** We'll be picking three pictures at random for some amazing prizes on Friday 29th May, so get creating and sharing!

**GOOD LUCK!**