



Watching birds is fascinating!

If you put out a tasty snack to tempt them into your garden, the chances are you'll get plenty of regular feathery visitors. Pinecone feeders are fun and easy to put together and you can hang them almost anywhere, however big or small your outside space is.

Ingredients

- Large open pinecone
- String
- Smooth peanut butter (sugar-free is best)
- Bird seed

Equipment

- Glue spreader
- Shallow bowl



Instructions

- 1 Tie a piece of string around your pinecone, leaving a long loop at the top. This will be used to tie the bird feeder up later on.



- 2 Coat the pinecone with peanut butter, using a glue spreader to pack it firmly into every space and make sure the cone is really well covered.



- 3 Pour the bird seed into a shallow bowl and then roll the sticky pinecone in the seeds. Press quite firmly so that they stick to as much of the peanut butter as possible.



- 4 Give your bird feeder a gentle shake to get rid of any loose seeds and then hang it up outdoors. Make sure you keep it out of the reach of squirrels and also put it somewhere cats can't get too close to the birds as they eat.



TOP TIP

You can buy bird seed from pet shops and garden centres, or you could just use sunflower seeds which are available in supermarkets. They're sold for humans to snack on, but birds love them, too!

! This can be quite a messy project, so wear old clothes or an apron and cover any surfaces which can't be wiped clean.