

#13 Bird feeder

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Winter is a tough time to be a bird. There isn't much daylight and food is sparse, so it's hard to find enough to eat. We can help by leaving them some tasty treats!

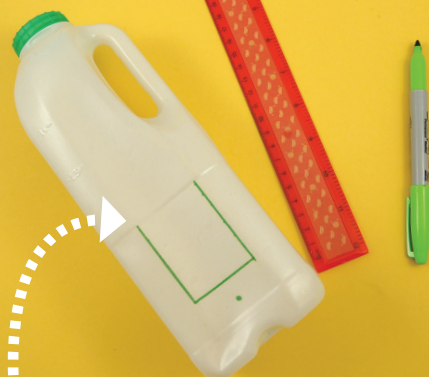


You will need:

- An empty, clean and dry plastic bottle with all labels removed (the measurements below are based on a two-pint milk bottle)
- A sharp knife (and an adult to use it!)
- A few fairly straight sticks
- Strong glue or a glue gun
- A piece of twine about 30 cm long

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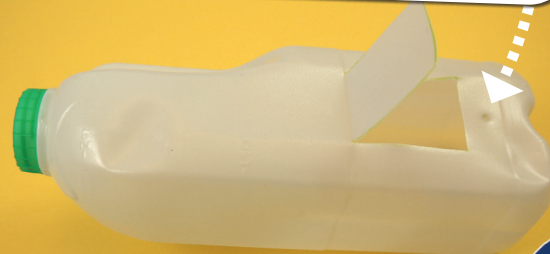
What you do:



Draw a dot in the middle of one side of the bottle, 2 cm from the bottom, then repeat on the opposite side. Now draw doors measuring about 6 cm by 4 cm, 2 cm above each dot.

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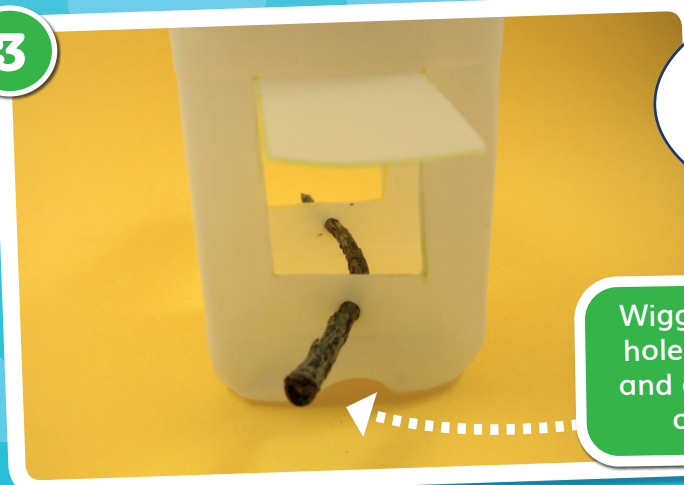
Ask an adult to cut holes with the knife, roughly the width of one of your sticks, where you drew your dots.



Be careful with the sharp edges!

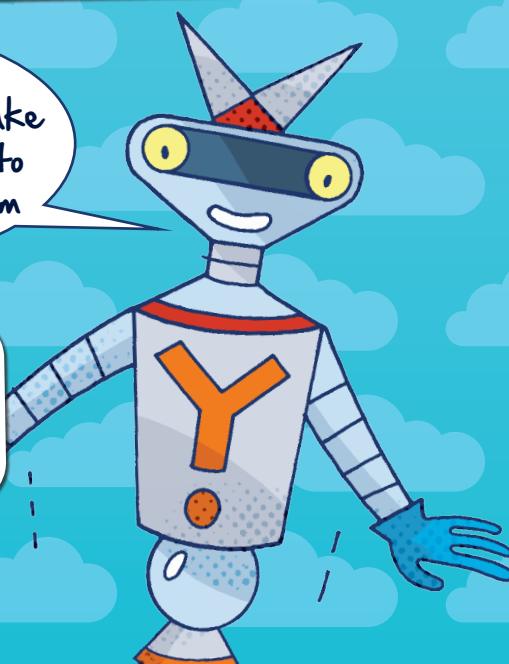
Now ask them to cut around the bottom three sides of each door. Fold the doors up.

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Wiggle the stick into one hole, through the bottle, and out through the hole on the other side.

I'd love to see your bird feeders! Take a photo and send it to Y@whizzpopbang.com



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Tie one end of the twine tightly around the bottle neck, below the threads that the lid screws onto.



Now tie the other end of the twine into a loop over the top of the bird feeder. Screw the lid back on the bottle.

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Use a spoon to fill the bottom of the bird feeder with seeds, then hang it outside and watch the birds feast!

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Cut your sticks into pieces about 8 cm long (ask an adult to help if they are too tough), then ask an adult to help you glue them onto the bottle.



Use permanent markers, stickers or acrylic paints to decorate your bird feeder and experiment with other materials for the roof, like lolly sticks or plastic packaging.



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Wondering what to put in your feeder?

Sunflower seeds are popular with greenfinches, chaffinches, sparrows and tits.

Nyjer seeds could attract tits, greenfinches, house sparrows, nuthatches, great spotted woodpeckers and siskins.

Garden centres usually have lots of different seed mixtures to choose between!



Birds can share our leftovers, too! Cooked unsalted rice, bananas and small quantities of bread crumbs are popular with our feathered friends.

It's up to us to save the planet. Lots of small actions can make a BIG difference!