

No heat cookie cutter bird feeders

$\frac{3}{4}$ c. Flour

$\frac{1}{2}$ c. Water

3 Tbsp. corn syrup

4 c. Birdseed

Wax paper

Cookie cutters

Straws

Twine or ribbon for hanging

- Line a cookie sheet with wax paper
- Mix together flour, water corn syrup until well combined
- Add in birdseed and mix
- Pour mixture onto cookie sheet lined with wax paper
- Press the mixture with your hands until it is compact
- Press cookie cutters into bird seed
- Push a straw through so there will be a hole to hang the feeder
- Let dry for 8 hours
- Remove feeder from cookie cutter, remove straw, turn them upside down and continue to dry until hard
- Lace twine through hole and tie
- Hang on tree and watch the birds!

Winter Craft for Kids: Cookie Cutter Bird Feeders

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One of the things we love to do each year around this time is help our feathered friends stay nourished while their regular food sources may not be available. We've made many different types of bird feeders over the years, but these, moulded in cookie cutters and held together with gelatine, are an all-time favourite.

Now I know what you're thinking... Gelatin! I thought the same thing too at first. I imagined jelly-like bird seed shapes dangling from trees and just didn't get it. Don't worry--the finished product is actually not jelly-like at all. The gelatin simply acts as a glue to hold the seeds together and hardens completely overnight. The end result is just like a crunchy cookie, only for birds! What you need:

- bird seed (we use a wild bird variety)
- unflavoured gelatin
- boiling water
- large cookie cutters
- straws cut into 2 inch pieces
- large bowl
- spoon
- baking sheet
- parchment or wax paper
- string (we like to use jute or baker's twine)

1. Dissolve 2 tablespoons (or 2 individual packets) of gelatin in 2/3 cup of boiling water (adult help may be needed for this step).
2. When gelatin is completely dissolved, add 2 cups of bird seed.
3. Mix for 2 to 3 minutes to allow the seeds to soak up the gelatine mixture. Depending on how absorbent your seeds are, you may have some excess gelatine mixture--not to fret! It won't matter one bit in the end.



4. Place your cookie cutters onto a parchment- or wax paper-lined baking sheet and carefully fill them with the bird seed mixture (this gives those developing motor skills a great workout!) Be sure to overfill them just a bit, because you'll want the seeds to be nice and tight inside the cookie cutters.



5. Cover the filled cookie cutters with another sheet of parchment or wax paper and press the seeds down firmly.

6. Gently insert a straw segment into each shape in order to create a hole for the loop of string you'll be adding later.



7. Allow the bird seed cookies to dry for 3 or 4 hours (flipping them halfway through) before gently pushing them out of the cookie cutters and letting them finish drying overnight. 8. In the morning, gently pluck out the straw segments.



9. Add a loop of string, hang them outside, and be on the lookout for the hungry little birds who will soon be devouring their seedy cookies.



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We were inspired to make bird feeders out of cookie cutters from a blog called [Eighteen25](#). It's a quick and simple project to do with the kids, and you'll get lots of visitors that are fun to watch.



Supplies:

- 1 cup birdseed
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 small envelope of unflavored gelatin
- Ribbon, twine, string, or yarn
- Cookie cutters
- Wax paper
- Cookie sheet
- Straws

Directions:

First add an envelope of unflavored gelatin to a pot.



Then add 1/4 cup of water and bring it to a simmer, while stirring, until all the gelatin is dissolved.



Next add 1 cup of birdseed to a bowl. The original recipe called for 3/4 cup (hence why my kids are only holding 1/4 cup of birdseed in the picture), but we still had quite a bit of liquid at the bottom after stirring, so we added another 1/4 cup.



We then mixed in the gelatin with the birdseed. Both my son and daughter thought the two ingredients combined smelled awful....can you tell by the look on my daughter's face?? Hahahaha!



Place some wax paper on top of a cookie sheet. Then lay your cookie cutters on top of the wax paper and spoon the birdseed mixture all the way to the top.



The mixture is really sticky, so take the back of your spoon to make sure the mixture is packed really tightly, and to smooth out the top.



Next, cut a straw that's about an inch to an inch and a half long and poke a hole through the top of each cookie cutter mold. Make sure that it goes all the way through because this is the hole you will use to string your ribbon for hanging. Leave the straw in while the mixture is drying.



Allow the mixture to dry inside the cookie cutters overnight. Then slowly slide them out of the cookie cutters, remove the straws and string ribbon through them to hang on your tree. I had a little trouble stringing the ribbon through the hole, so I used a bamboo skewer to help push it through.



Just an FYI...we were only able to make two ornaments from this recipe. So depending on how many ornaments you want to make, you might want to double or triple the recipe.