



Recycled Seed Feeder



Good for the birds and good for the environment. Instead of buying a new bird seed feeder why not re-use single use plastic waste containers?! This will save you money, reduce the amount of new plastic needed to make a new seed feeder and recycles some of your waste plastic in the home.

Win, win and win!

This simple design uses a drink bottle with small holes cut into it for the perches and to give the birds access to the seeds (without them falling out) and the bottom of a food container to form the seed tray to catch any seeds that do escape. The string keeps everything together and is great for hanging.

No Glue, no mess, just recycling fun!

Recycled Bird Feeder

Let's get started!



The Bird Feeder

- A plastic bottle (500ml works well)
- A Length of string
- 2 x Sticks

Optional Seed Tray

- A plastic or aluminium food container (larger than the plastic bottle)
- 1 pieces of string

Tools

- A Pin
- A pair of scissors (nail scissors work well)

Drainage Holes



- Turn the bottle upside down
- Use the pin to make a hole in the bottom
- Wiggle it around to increase the size
- Not too much
- This will allow any dampness to run out
- Repeat several times

Perches

1



- Use the pin to make a hole at the bottom of the side of the bottle
- If your bottle has a hump in the middle make sure that the stick will clear the hump when it pushes through

2



- Use the Scissors to widen the holes
- Test the stick will push through snugly
- Widen with the scissors again if needed

3



- Push the first stick through the hole
- Level the stick until it is straight and pushes against the opposite side of the bottle
- Using the pin make a hole in the opposite side of the bottle
- Use the scissors again to make the hole big enough to push the stick through snugly

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- Push the stick all the way through the bottle
- Equal lengths of the stick should sticking out on both sides

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- Now rotate the bottle so that the first stick is facing you
- Using the pin, make a hole on the side of the bottle approx. 4cm higher up than the first perch
- Use the scissors to make the hole big enough for the second stick to fit through snugly

6



- Push the stick through the hole
- Level the stick until it is straight and pushes against the opposite side of the bottle
- Using the pin make a hole in the opposite side of the bottle
- Use the scissors make the hole big enough to push the stick through snugly
- DONE!

The Feed Holes

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- Using the pin make a hole 1.5cm above the first perch

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- Using the scissors snip around to make a hole that is approx. 7mm-8mm big
- This will depend on the seeds that you want to put in but is good for most seeds
- We are using sunflower hearts and the birds can easily get the sunflower hearts out using this size

3



- Repeat the process above each of the perches

The Hanging Loop

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- Use the pin to make a hole just below the neck of the bottle
- Now make a hole on the opposite side at the same height
- Using the scissors widen the holes

2



- Double over the string (if it's thick string you don't need a double thickness)
- Feed the string through the holes
- Use your finger to push the string through the second hole from the inside
- Pull through and tighten

3



- Tie the string at the length that suits where you want to hang the feeder
- Now you are ready to either fill the bottle and hang your feeder or move onto adding the optional seed feeder

The Optional Seed Tray

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- Use the pin to make a hole on one side of the bottom of the bottle
- Use the scissors to make the whole larger
- Use the pin to make a hole on the opposite side of the bottom of the bottle
- Use the scissors to make the whole larger

2



- Feed the string through one of the holes
- Do not pull all the way through

3



- Dangle the string back into the bottle and manoeuvre it through the other whole
- You can use the pin to help ease it through if needed
- Pull both ends taught

4



- Move on to your plastic food container (it can be any kind and any shape)
- Use the pin to make a hole a finger -above the bottom
- Use your scissors to cut around the container
- This will create a tray

5



- Use the pin to make a number of drainage holes in the tray
- Next make 2 holes either side of the center of the tray
- Use the scissors to make the holes large enough to feed your strings through

6



- Feed the string through your holes
- Pull tight and tie securely

Fill and Serve

1



- You are now ready to fill up your feeder
- Select a seed that is big enough to fit through the holes you have

2



- If you need a funnel but don't have one, you can roll a piece of paper together to make a cone
- Tape it securely
- Cut the bottom off to make the opening the right size

3



- Fill your feeder with seed
- Hang in the garden
- Now just wait for the birds to get used to the feeder
- This may take a few days

Happy Feeding Wildlife Warriors!