

ACTIVITY SHEET

HOW TO MAKE A PLASTIC BOTTLE BIRD FEEDER

What You Will Need

- One 500ml plastic drinks bottle with cap
- Two willow sticks about 20cm long
- Drawing pin and nail scissors
- String 40-45cm long
- Some bird food!

Instructions

1. Wash the bottle and remove the label.
2. **Make the perches:** use a drawing pin to punch 2 holes opposite each other near the bottom of the bottle and cut small holes with scissors. Insert a stick so that it passes through one hole, through the bottle and out through the hole on the other side. Repeat this step to make the other perch just above the first (forming a cross).
3. **Make the feeding holes:** use a drawing pin and scissors to make a small hole about 4 cm above each perch. The holes should be about $\frac{3}{4}$ cm wide; if they're too big the seeds will fall out.
4. **Make the hanger:** using the drawing pin, poke holes in both sides of the bottle neck. Then thread the string through the holes in the bottle neck and tie the ends together.
5. **Fill your feeder:** remove the cap and fill with sunflower or mixed seeds. You could use a small funnel to make this easier.
6. **Screw the cap back on** and hang your feeder from a tree branch or hook outside.

