

# MILK CARTON BIRD FEEDER

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## *Family Fun Activity*

Building bird feeders from recycled materials is a great way to feed the birds and help keep our environment healthy. It is a fun and easy project for the whole family and a great way to get interested in watching birds.



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## SUPPLIES

Clean 2-liter milk carton with cap

Craft knife

Nail

Paint stir stick

Scissors

Wire (twine or an old boot lace also works)

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## INSTRUCTIONS

*Step 1* - Cut two slots about 2 inches from the bottom in the milk carton using a craft knife as shown in the picture (an adult will need to assist with this part).

*Step 2* - Slide the stir stick through the slots.

*Step 3* - About ½ inch above each slot, make a small horizontal cut (This will also require adult supervision). Then use scissors to cut a hole on each side to let the birds get the seed (refer to picture for guidance).

*Step 4* - Using the nail, poke 4 holes in the bottom for drainage.

*Step 5* - Use the nail again to poke two holes on opposite sides just below the cap.

*Step 6* - Run wire through the holes and join the ends at the top.

*Step 7 - Congratulations* You just made a backyard bird feeder.

*Step 8* - Now add some bird seed and find a place to hang your feeder and sit back and watch. Please know it may take a couple of days for the birds to find your feeder.