Tin Can
Bird Feeder

What will you need?

*Tin can, acrylic or multi-surface paint, paint brushes, cup with water, paper towels, newspaper or disposable tablecloth, sticks or twigs, string or ribbon, craft glue, scissors, bird seed*

Step By Step Instructions

1. Find an empty soup or vegetable can. Make sure the can is clean and remove the label.
2. Once your can is clean and dry, take a paint brush and paint the outside of your can.

3. Go outside with your parents’ permission and find a stick you can glue to your can as a perch or place for a bird to sit. A good stick will be about the width of your pointer finger and the length of the can.

4. Glue the stick on the outside of the can, so that a couple inches of the stick extends past the can opening.
5. Tie two equally sized strings or ribbons around the outside of the can, one towards the open end and one towards the closed end. These strings/ribbons will be used to tie your bird feeder to a tree limb.

6. Fill your bird feeder with bird seed. And hang horizontally from a tree limb in your backyard.
What will you need?

*Milk jug or large plastic container, sticks or twigs, scissors, markers or multi-surface paint, string or ribbon, bird seed*

Step by Step Instructions

1. You will need to clean and remove the labels from an empty milk jug or other large plastic jug.
2. After the labels have been removed, ask your parents to help you cut a large opening on the front side of the jug (side opposite of the handle).

3. Using markers or paint, decorate the outside of your bird feeder.

4. Add a perch onto your bird feeder by gluing a stick or two at the bottom of the opening you cut earlier. These sticks will provide birds a place to sit while eating.
5. Tie a string or ribbon around the handle of the jug and tie the jug to a tree limb. Once hung, place bird seed inside the base of the mike jug.

Interested in knowing what birds are visiting your bird feeder?

Play a couple rounds of bird feeder bingo to help you learn Pennsylvania’s common backyard birds!