

Make Your Own Backyard Birdfeeder!



Gather your materials:

- Toilet paper roll or pinecone
- Peanut butter
- Knife
- Yarn or String
- Wild bird seed

If you don't have bird seed at home, choose from some of these bird-friendly foods from your pantry!

- Raisins or Craisins
- Plain Cheerios, no added sugars or honey
- Plain, cooked pasta, no added butter or salt
- Cooked, fresh or frozen peas or corn, no added butter or salt
- Rolled oats
- Crushed eggshells, boiled to sanitize
- Fruit such as apples or bananas
- Plain peanuts, no salt or sugars added

Assemble your birdfeeder:

1. Spread a thick layer of peanut butter on the toilet paper roll or pinecone
2. Crush or cut bird-friendly foods into small pieces
3. Sprinkle your choice of bird-friendly foods onto the peanut butter
4. Attach a string to hang your bird feeder

Hang your birdfeeder:

- Find a sturdy branch that will support the weight of a bird, larger birds such as Cardinals may need a branch to perch next to the birdfeeder.
- Your birdfeeder should be located away from large branches that can support predators and high enough off the ground that predators cannot reach it. A nearby bush is welcomed by birds for protection!

Welcome birds to your backyard:

- Offer clean food and water sources
- Provide bushes and trees for birds to hide from predators
- Plant native gardens
- Avoid the use of pesticides

