

Make your own birdfeeder

You will need: An empty carton, string, bird food (ready bought or mix your own using breadcrumbs, chopped nuts, seeds, cooked rice or cheese), a straight stick between 20 and 30cm long

First draw squares fairly close to the base of the carton, one on each side. Not too close or you will not fit much bird food inside, not too far away or the birds will not be able to reach it.



Next cut out the squares you have drawn. This can be tricky so may need an adult to help you.

Then take your scissors and make a small hole under the squares you have cut out on two opposite sides. Push the stick through the holes. This will make a perch for the birds to sit on.



You should have something that looks like this



Make another hole in the top of the carton on the opposite side to the spout. Thread the string through so you have something to hang your bird feeder up with.



Fill the bottom of the birdfeeder up with bird food.

Hang your birdfeeder up somewhere cats can't get to so the birds feel safe to use it.

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<https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/looking-after-yourself-and-nature>