

## **BUILD A BIRD FEEDER CLASS PROJECT**

A good way to attract birds to your area is to provide a bird feeder. Birds that eat seeds will come to the bird feeder described below. Use a variety of seeds will bring a variety of birds (and squirrels who also like seeds).

You will need:

1. An adult with a knife
2. Two bamboo skewers (they will serve as perches for the birds)
3. An empty plastic bottle with a wide mouth opening, such as a juice jug.
4. Wire or string
5. Bird seed

Building the Bird Feeder:

1. Have an adult cut two holes on opposite sides of the jug about two and half inches from the bottom. The holes should be about the size of a nickel or quarter, depending on the size of the seed you bought. The holes should be large enough for a bird to access the seed, but not so large that the seed just spills out. If you buy very small seeds like those from a thistle, for example, you will need to make the hole the size of a pea. The thistle seed will attract finches, which are numerous in Tucson.
2. Have the teacher use the knife to make a small slit at the bottom of the bottle on each side about 2 inches below each hole.
3. Slide the bamboo skewers through these slits to make a perch under each hole.
4. Make a small hole on each side of the bottle near the mouth.
5. Slide the wire or string through the holes and tie the ends together above the feeder's mouth.
6. Fill the feeder with seeds and replace the lid.
7. Secure the feeder to a tree outside the classroom and watch the birds passing through your schoolyard.

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