

Tweet Treats

Simple bird feeding ideas for young children

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Play-based
Learning



Identify a sheltered area where you have seen small birds. Providing some bird food will encourage those birds to stay and more to visit. Once you offer a food supply it is a good idea to sustain it as the birds may rely upon it in the winter.

Instructions

- Mix a handful of bird seed with a handful of lard.
- Shape it into a ball or other shape and use a pipe cleaner or string to hang the feeder up.
- Alternatively push the mix into a pinecone or paint with the mix onto a piece of paper and hang that.
- Try to hang the feeders out of reach of cats and on branches that are too thin to bear a cat's weight.

What You'll Need:

- Lard
- Wild bird seed
- String or pipe cleaners

Optional:

- Paper
- Pinecones

Useful Tips!

This is a simple **learning for sustainability** themed activity giving children important contact with nature and enabling them to build respect and appreciation for their local wildlife.

Meet **science** outcomes by learning about the different species of birds that visit. Learn about the changing seasons and why birds find it harder to find food in the winter.

It could even be given a **numeracy** slant if the children attempt to count the different types of birds or how many birds visit each feeder.

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