

Hey guys! **Miss Leah** here. I don't know about you, but I've seen a ton of birds this summer. One of my favorite things to do as a kid was hang bird feeders up with my mom. And guess what? I still like to do that! So today, I'm going to show you how you can **make your own bird feeder out of recycled materials**. Check it out!

For this project, you have two options:

1. Paper towel roll bird feeders

or

2. Milk carton bird feeders



To make a bird feeder out of a paper towel roll,
you will need:

- Half a paper towel roll, or a toilet paper roll
- Peanut butter (or sunflower butter, if you have a peanut allergy)
- Bird seed
- Ribbon or string
- A shallow plate or bowl



Step 1

Coat the roll with a thick layer of peanut butter.

Step 2

Roll it around in a flat tub of bird seed, covering the entire surface.

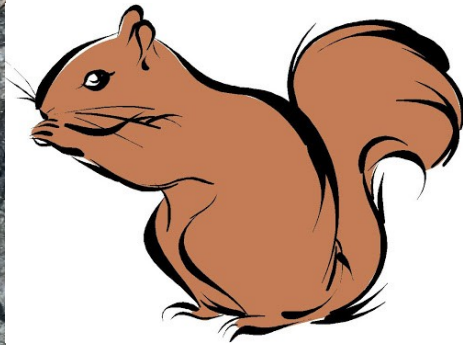


Step 3

Thread a piece of ribbon or string through the roll and hang it up outside. Watch what happens!



**Be warned: Squirrels
love this stuff!**



For the milk carton bird feeder, you will need:

- An empty milk or juice carton (make sure it's rinsed out and dry)
- Bird seed
- Ribbon or string
- Scissors or a knife
- Markers, paint, or paper and glue



Step 1

Trace the opening of the bird feeder onto the carton. Using scissors or a knife, cut along the line. You can do this on all four sides, if you'd like!

Caution: Ask an adult for help with this part.



Step 2

Punch two holes in the top and thread some string through.



Step 3

Decorate your feeder however you want. You can use paint, markers, or glue scraps of paper directly onto it. Get creative! For mine, I used magazine clippings.



Fill it with seed and hang it
up outside!



I hope you had fun engineering your own bird feeders. The birds appreciate it! We still have all kinds of fun virtual events going on this summer—be sure to check them out online! Be well.



Miss Leah

