Engineer a Bird Feeder

Help fuel your feathery friends in the winter when food is scarce.

Materials: an orange, birdseed, peanut butter*, spoon, bowl, knife, skewers, twine (2 pieces 18 inches each), and scissors

*Nut-free options: suet, sunflower seed butter, vegetable shortening

Step 1: Cut the orange in half and scoop out the fruit to make 2 orange peel bowls



Step 2: Poke a skewer through one side of the orange, out the other, crossing in the middle of the bowl, to create 2 holes. Tie one end of each twine through one of the holes.

Step 3: Heat up the peanut butter or nut free base layer in a microwave in 30-second intervals until softened. Mix in your assortment of birdseed. Fill the orange peel bowls with the mixture.



Step 4 : Tie the feeders around a tree branch for a snack for the birds.

Important Tips!

Place the feeders near natural shelter (trees/shrubs), high off the ground to reduce ground predators, and further down the branch away from the trunk to make it harder for squirrels to reach.

