

Peanut Butter Pine Cone Bird Feeders

Make this simple and easy pinecone bird feeder as a perfect activity to connect with nature and see birds right outside your window.

What you'll need:

- Pine Cone
- 3 parts peanut butter to 1 part grit
- Bird Seed
- Cotton or Wool String

Directions:

- Tie a string around the wide end of each pine cone, leaving at least 5 inches on each end.
- Place the bird seed in a container with tall sides.
- Microwave the peanut butter* until soft, then mix in the grit (cornmeal, stale bread crumbs, cracker crumbs, or finely chopped stale nuts; peanut butter can stick in a bird's throat so grit is necessary to prevent choking).
- Use a knife or small spatula to spread the peanut butter mixture on each cone.
- Roll each cone in the bird seed, shaking the excess seeds off into the container.
- Place the pine cones on waxed paper and allow the mixture to harden for about ½ hour.
- Use the string to hang the pine cones outside on a tree branch, shrub, or fence.



*Suet and lard are bird-safe alternatives to peanut butter if you have a peanut allergy in your family or if you are interested in trying something different.

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