

Upcycled Plastic Bottle Bird Feeder

Reconnect with nature with this DIY bird feeder. An empty plastic bottle and a few supplies are all you need to add some life to your backyard. This is a fun and simple project for anyone who wants to create something meaningful out of otherwise trash.

What You Will Need:

- (1) Plastic bottle with cap (water bottle, soda/juice bottle, etc.), washed and dried
- Twine or thick string, about 20 inches long
- Funnel
- Birdfeed
- (2) Twigs, unsharpened pencils, or chopsticks to use as a perch
- Box cutter or utility knife
- Pointed screwdriver, or sharp object to poke holes
- Paint or permanent markers for decorating (optional)



What You Will Do:

1. Pierce a hole big enough to pass the perch of your choice, about one inch from the bottom of the bottle, using a pointed screwdriver or sharp object.



2. Pass the perch through the hole so that it touches the other side of the bottle. Make sure the perch is **straight** and not angled to the side.



3. Pierce another hole **diagonally** across from the first hole where the perch meets the inside of the bottle.

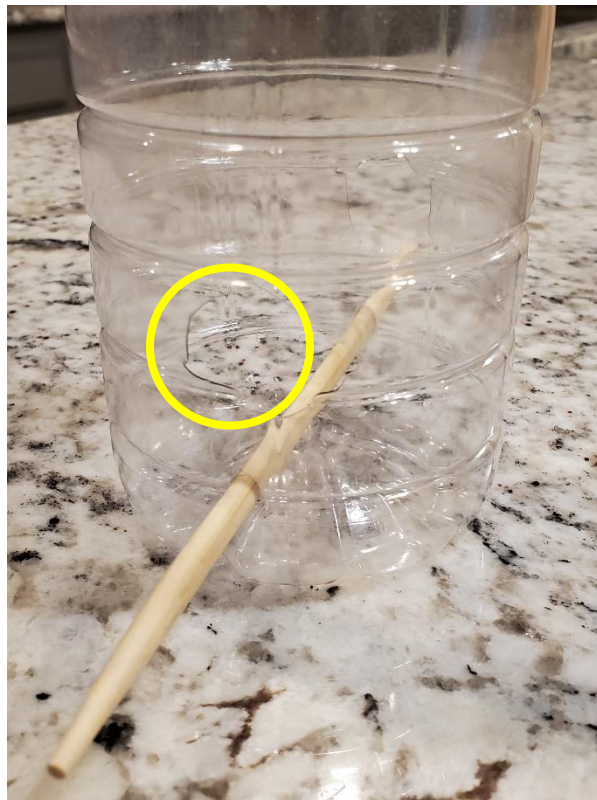


4. Pass the perch through the second hole.
5. Center the perch so that equal lengths protrude from each side.

Fun Fact: The most common backyard birds are doves, woodpeckers, robins, crows, sparrows, and finches.



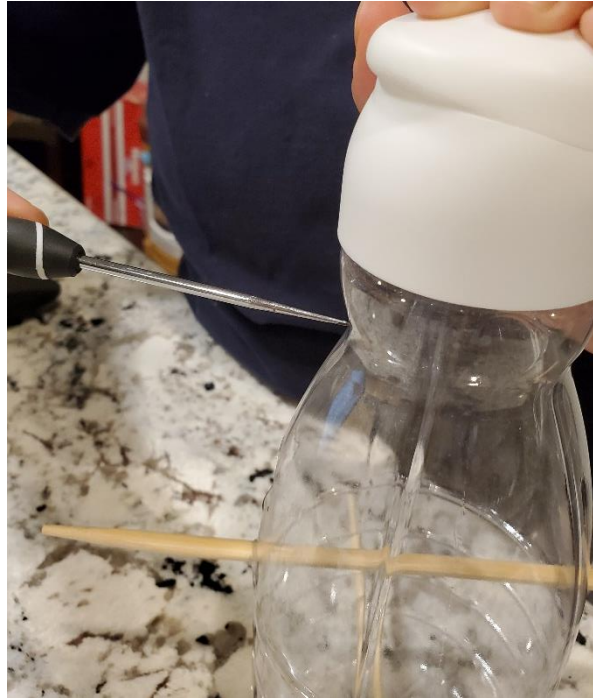
6. Cut a $\frac{1}{2}$ inch hole about 1 inch above each side of the perch using the box cutter or utility knife. This feeder hole is where the birds will access the food.



7. Pierce another hole in the bottle **perpendicular** to the first perch, about 1 to 2 inches above the feeder hole. This is for the second perch.
8. Repeat steps 2 through 6 to complete the second perch. Looking down from the top of the bottle, the two perches should resemble a plus sign.



9. Pierce two **diagonal** holes near the neck of the bottle large enough to pass the twine or string.



10. Pass the twine or string through the two holes and tie a knot to create a loop.



*Optional:
Add a personal
touch to your
bird feeder by
decorating it
with paint or
permanent
markers.*



11. Remove lid from bottle and place funnel over mouth.

12. Pour in enough bird food to fill to the top. Replace the lid.



Tip: Place bird feeder in a large bowl or plate to catch spillage. Use a spouted cup for easy pouring.



13. Hang your bird feeder in a desired location.

*Congratulations!
You have upcycled a plastic
bottle into a beautiful bird
feeder that will help
nourish wild birds in your
neighborhood!*

