

## DIY Plastic Bottle Bird Feeder

Here is a guide on how to create your own reusable bird feeder out of a plastic bottle from your household!

### Supplies Needed:

- Plastic bottle (any size - this guide will be using a 2L bottle)
- Scissors
- Packing tape or duct tape
- Twine, string, or fishing line
- Birdseed
- Non-toxic, acrylic paint (optional)

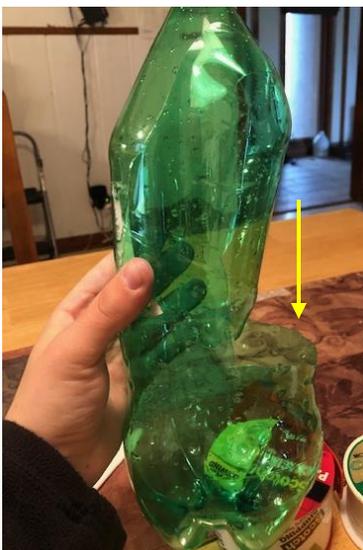


**Step One:** Grab an empty plastic bottle and wash it out thoroughly before using. Once you have washed it, take the sharp end of a pair of scissors, and poke a hole through the plastic about 2-3 inches above the bottom of the bottle. From there, you will cut a straight line across the bottle just on the front side.

**Step Two:** Where you now have the straight cut across the bottle, take your scissors and cut 3-4 inches up towards the top, creating what will look like a door. Make the last cut across the top of your bottle to finish the “door” shape cutout. (do not cut off entirely, leave one side attached!)



**Step Three:** Take the door-shaped cutout and pull it tightly across the bottle. With your duct tape or packing tape, tape the cutout to the other side of the bottle, to close off the neck of the bottle. You should now have created an opening at the bottom where birds will be able to grab birdseed.



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**Step Four:** At the top of the bottle, poke a hole through the plastic on each side of the bottle cap with a blade from the scissors. Take your twine or string and weave it through the holes. Weave through 2-3 times to keep it sturdy, then tie a knot around the bottle. Make a loop with the remaining string to create your hanger.



**Step Five:** At the bottom of your feeder directly underneath the opening, poke another hole through the plastic, wide enough to push a sturdy twig (or an old wooden spoon!) through. This will create a perch that the birds can land on.



**OPTIONAL STEP:** If you want to spruce up your new bird feeder, you can paint the bottom and sides of the bottle with non-toxic, lead-free acrylic paint! Be as creative as you want with this step, but only paint the outside of the bottle.



**Step Six:** Grab your birdseed and fill up your bottle to however high you want. The seed will start piling on top itself, so as the birds eat the seed, it will replenish as it gets low. It is easiest to use a funnel to fill your bottle. If you do not have a funnel, you can make one by taking a piece of paper and rolling it into a cone shape. Lastly, find a sturdy branch, hang your feeder, and enjoy your new backyard visitors!

