

Plentiful Programs

Creative Workshops for Children and Adults

Bird Seed feeders

These feeders are festive and easy to make.

Materials

- 2 cups bird seed (any type)
- Cookie cutters or other forms to fill
- 1.5 packets unflavored gelatin
- 3 tablespoons cold water
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- 1/2 cup boiling water
- Wax paper
- String
- Skewer
- Non-Stick cooking spray



1. **Spray your forms** with non-stick spray to make easier to pop out.
2. **Empty 1.5 packages of unflavored gelatin** into a bowl with 3 tablespoons of cold water. Let this sit for 1 minute.
3. **Add 1/3 cup of boiling water to the gelatin**, stirring for a few minutes or until the gelatin is dissolved. This is the binder that keeps seeds together.
4. **Remove approx. 3 Tblsp gelatin** for later.
5. **Add 2 cups of bird seed to the remaining gelatin** and mix thoroughly.
6. On a tray lined with wax paper, **lay out your prepared feeder forms**.
7. **Fill the forms** with the mixture and press into shape firmly.
8. **Spoon remaining gelatin** over pressed forms.
9. **Place in the refrigerator for 20 min.**
10. **Make a small hole in each cookie with the skewer for the string.**
11. **Place in the refrigerator** for a few hours to allow the seed mixture to set.

12. Warm to room temperature and **carefully remove the feeders from forms.**

13. **Thread a string through the hole.**

Hang the ornaments from a tree, pole, or hook outside your windows and watch the birds devour them!

Tips for hanging these birdseed cookie bird feeders:

1. It is best to only use these bird feeders during winter months when it is cold outside so they don't melt or go bad.
2. Be sure to hang the birdseed cookies at least 5 feet off of the ground so dogs and other animals can't reach them.
3. Try hanging them in different areas around the yard, like trees and shrubs.
4. Be sure to avoid areas that get a lot of strong wind and rain.

