

# DIY BIRDFEEDER

## TIME REQUIRED:

5 minutes hands-on, at least 30 minutes in refrigerator

## MATERIALS NEEDED:

Birdseed, Coconut oil or other bird-friendly fat (like tallow),  
Microwave-safe bowl, Cookie cutter or other shape to use as a mold,  
Straw or other object to create a hole, Twine or durable string



- 1** Melt a small amount of coconut oil in a heat-safe bowl in a microwave (or in a pot on the stove).
- 2** Add your melted oil to your birdseed. Many of the "recipes" we found online referenced 1 Tablespoon of oil or suet for each cup of birdseed, but you may need to adjust depending on the type of seed mix you're using.
- 3** Using a cookie cutter as a mold, add the birdseed mixture to the shape. If you don't have a cookie cutter nearby, you can also use other shapes found in your kitchen (we also tried this using a shallow bowl and a jar lid and both worked beautifully.)
- 4** Before it's completely solidified, you can make a small hole toward the center of the mass through which you can thread a string to hang your "birdfeeder."
- 5** Transfer your cookie cutter mold to a refrigerator or cool protected space, and allow your birdseed mixture to harden.
- 6** Remove the straw from your birdseed shape, and with care, remove the birdseeds from your mold (some seeds will crumble away, but you can always scatter them in your yard!).
- 7** String your twine or other thread through the hole you created, being sure to handle the feeder with care.
- 8** Display your birdseed ornament from a nearby branch, and enjoy watching your feathered friends snack away!