

Making a Hummingbird Feeder

A fun way to use recycled materials and help wildlife is to make a hummingbird feeder! Hummingbirds are native to the Americas and are some of the world's smallest birds! They drink the nectar from flowers. It's easy to make feeders that will help provide food for hummers and will be a fun activity for you!

Supplies:

- A small, clean Deli container and a clean plastic water bottle.
- A hammer and nail or a screwdriver
- Scissors or something to cut plastic with
- Red and yellow paint
- Thin bendable wire or twine/yarn
- Paintbrush
- Hot glue and hot glue gun
- ½ cup of white sugar
- 2 cups water
- A pot for heating water
- funnel



Instructions for making the feeder with a BOTTLE and DELI CONTAINER:

1. Using the nail, hammer a hole into the bottle cap.
2. Cut a hole about the size of the bottle cap into the deli container.
3. Put the water bottle into the deli container lid and using hot glue, seal the lid to the bottle. Let dry.
4. Use the nail and make small holes all around the deli container lid. Make sure there are no sharp edges on the underside of the lid.
5. Decorate the bottle and container with red and yellow paint and let dry!
6. Using the wire/yarn/twine, tie around the water bottle so it can hang securely from a branch.
7. Make the nectar and once it's cool, carefully pour the sugar water into the water bottle. Replace the bottle cap and the deli container.
8. Slowly flip the bottle back over and hang from a branch!

Instructions for making the nectar:

1. Bring 2 cups of water to a boil
2. Add the sugar and stir until dissolved
3. Boil the sugar water for two minutes.
4. Take the sugar water off the heat and let it cool completely! You can also place it in the fridge to cool.
5. Using a funnel, pour the sugar water into the water bottle.
6. Attach the bottom of the deli container to the lid and carefully turn the bottle over. The sugar water will fill up the deli container slowly and allow the hummers to drink out of the holes!
7. Carefully hang the feeder from a branch or post and wait for the hummingbirds! Replace the sugar water every 3 days to keep it fresh for our little friends and clean the feeder regularly!