



# Make a Milk-jug Bird Feeder

## You'll need:

1. One empty gallon-sized milk-jug, well washed
2. One or two dowel rods, 1/8-1/4 inch in diameter, 10-12 inches long
3. Sharp craft knife
4. Adult help!
5. Marker
6. Flexible wire, sturdy string, or water-proof putty
7. Birdseed
8. Optional: Waterproof, non-toxic paint.

## Directions:

1. Be sure that the milk-jug is well washed and air dried.
2. Using the marker, draw a 2-inch circle in the middle of one side of your milk-jug. Draw another 2-inch circle on the opposite side.
3. About an inch below each of these holes, draw an X.
4. If you are going to use two dowel rods, draw similar circles on the remaining sides as well.
5. About an inch and a half below each of these holes draw an X.
6. Ask an adult to use the craft knife to cut out the 2-inch circles and to gently poke a hole in the center of each X.
7. Very carefully, stick a dowel rod in the first X-hole. Push the dowel rod through so that it comes out of the opposite X-hole.
8. If you've cut holes on all four sides, repeat with the second dowel rod.
9. Optional: Decorate your bird feeder with waterproof, non-toxic paint. Let it dry completely.
10. After the paint is dry, pour birdseed into the top of the feeder. You might need to use a funnel. Replace the cap.
11. Wrap strong string or bendable wire around the neck of the jug. (If there is a slight ridge under the cap, secure the string or wire under that ridge.) Make a loop with the end of the string or wire. Hang your bird feeder from the loop—OR—
12. Secure your bird feeder on a fence, deck, or tree-stump with water-proof putty.