



MAKE A BIRD FEEDER FROM A PLASTIC BOTTLE

Materials:

- One large (2-liter or bigger) plastic drink bottle with cap
- 3 or 4 wooden dowels (or unsharpened pencils) each $\frac{3}{16}$ of an inch wide and about 8 inches long
- A nail or other sharp object for punching holes in the bottle
- String or wire, 16 to 18 inches long
- Household funnel (optional)

Instructions:

1. Wash the bottle and remove the label.
2. To make a perch, use a nail to punch 2 holes in the bottle, opposite each other. Insert a dowel or pencil so that it passes through one hole, through the bottle, and out the other side. Make 3 or 4 such perches, alternating the positions so that all sides of the bottle are used.
3. Now you're ready to poke the feeding holes. With the bottle's neck facing away from you, use a nail to poke a small hole about 2 inches above each perch. Keep in mind that the seeds will just fall out if the holes are too big.
4. Use the nail to poke a hole from one side of the bottle's neck to the other.
5. Thread the string or wire through the holes in the bottle's neck and tie or twist them together at the ends. This will be your hanger.
6. Remove the cap and fill the feeder with sunflower seeds or mixed seeds. (A small household funnel will make this easier to do.)
7. Screw the cap back on and hang the feeder from a tree branch or hook outside.

