

Recycled Bird Feeder



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Use recycled toilet paper rolls to create a bird feeder and enjoy bird watching in your backyard.

Duration

Preparation: 5 minutes

Activity: 20 – 30 minutes

Supplies

- Empty toilet paper roll
- Peanut butter (or sun butter)
- Bird Seed
- Spoon (or knife)
- Plate
- Yarn
- Scissors

Background

Virginia is home to a variety of different bird **species** that would likely visit your backyard throughout the various seasons. Providing a bird feeder is a great way to attract birds to your home for the whole family to practice their wildlife **observation** skills. By using an empty toilet paper roll for this activity, you can also practice upcycling and reducing the amount of trash that goes in to our landfills.

Instructions

1. Cover plate with bird seed.
2. Cut a piece of yarn about 18" long for each bird feeder.
3. Use a spoon to spread peanut butter on the outside of toilet paper roll.
4. Roll the toilet paper roll onto the bird seed to stick the bird seed to the peanut butter.
5. Tie the yarn through the roll and hang on a tree for the birds to enjoy.
6. Watch for birds!

Vocabulary

Observe: to note the presence or number of an animal at a specific location and time, either for research purposes or fun.

Species: a specific type of animal, plant, or other living thing. (Ex. American crow)

Extension

Keep a drawing journal of all the different species that you observe visiting your bird feeder.