



Making Bird Feeders

Ages 2 years to 3 years

Objective: The child is able to follow step-by-step verbal directions in order to create a bird feeder.

Materials needed:

- 1 pine cone
- Peanut Butter (If child is allergic, use corn syrup)
- 2 paper plates
- Bird seed
- String (cut to be 1 foot long)

Procedures:

1. Do this outside to avoid mess.
2. Put the bird seed on 1 paper plate. (about a handful)
3. On another paper plate, smear around evenly the peanut butter (or syrup).
4. Explain to child to follow your verbal directions.
5. Have your child (help as necessary) roll the pine cone back and forth in the peanut butter or syrup. Roll until fully covered.
6. Now have them roll the pine cone back and forth in the bird seed until fully covered.
7. Shake off any loose bird seed in the grass.



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8. Allow to dry and harden for a few hours.
9. Tie one end of the string around a piece of the pine cone, double knotting to avoid falling down.
10. With your child, find a good, low branch on a tree outside your house to hang the bird feeder.
11. Tie it up and watch from your window for any bird visitors you may have!

HAPPY FALL!

Milestones to meet:

The child follows step-by-step verbal directions.
The child uses fine-motor skills to roll a pine cone back and forth. The child begins to understand cause and effect (making the bird feeder results in birds eating off of it)

Evaluation:

Did this lesson work for your child? Why or why not?