

# DIY Birdfeeder



We have been taking part in the Big Garden Birdwatch. Here is an easy way to make a birdfeeder to attract more birds to your garden.

## Materials:

- Cardboard tube
- Lard
- Bird seed in a tray
- Wooden spoon
- String (optional)



## Method:

- Place the cardboard tube over the handle of a wooden spoon, or attach string if you are going to use it to hang the feeder.
- Apply a layer of lard to the cardboard tube/empty toilet roll
- Roll the cardboard tube in the bird seed (using the string or wooden spoon to help you).
- Ensure all areas are covered with the bird seed
- Use the string to hang from a branch or directly place the feeder onto a branch as the picture shows

## What are the Children Learning?

### Skills:

- Fine Motor Skills
- Communication Skills
- Following Instructions

I explore and appreciate the wonder of nature within different environments and have played a part in caring for the environment. **SOC 0-08a**

I have observed living things in the environment over time and am becoming aware of how they depend on each other. **SCN 0-01a**

## Bird Watching



With your new bird feeder, your garden will be a hot spot for a variety of birds. Make it fun by identifying the different kinds of birds which visit your feeder and tally down the amount.

Tallies	Total
	7
	3
	4
	12

You can switch it up by identifying the different movements the birds are making rather than the kind of birds they are, e.g. 3 birds sitting and 4 birds flying. This encourages your child to use their observation skills and develops their math skills.

### What are the Children Learning?

Experience and Outcome:

I have explored numbers, understanding that they represent quantities, and I can use them to count, create sequences and describe order. [MNU 0-02a](#)

Skills

- Count a specific quantity from a group of items
- State the quantity of a counted set

There is a sheet on the next page which you can use if desired.

Name of Bird	Tally	Total
Robin 		
Crow 		
Magpie 		
Sparrow 		
Woodpigeon 		
Blackbird 		
Chaffinch 		

Other: