Movement

IMPORTANT Parent or Carer –
Check that you are happy with any weblinks or use of the internet.

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Activity 8 – Fine-motor Craft

Make an egg box bird feeder

What to do

- Talk about all the birds that like to visit the area near your home. Agree that you could encourage more by putting food out.
- O How to make the bird feeder together:
 - -Tear the lid from the base.
 - Make holes for the string by pushing a pencil through each corner.
 - -Cut the string to the correct length.
 - -Thread the string through the holes to make a hanging loop.
 - Decorate the underside of the box with felt pens.
 - Using a pinching movement, your child can put in bird seed in each section.
- Put up your beautiful feeder and wait for the birds to visit.

Hint: It may take several days before birds feel brave enough to visit.

What you need

Egg box (papier Mache kind), string, scissors, sharp pencil, bird seed, felt pens



Extension

Try putting small pieces of apple, pear or cheese in the sections. A table knife can be used for safe cutting.

Try making feeders from other packaging. Do some bird watching.

Questions to ask

can we make holes safely?

Why do birds visit our garden? What might encourage them?

How can we separate the lid from the base? How can we avoid tearing the cups? How can we fix the string to the box? How

How long shall we have the string? Can you cut it safely? Can we thread it through? Can you pick up these slippery seeds?