

Birdfeeder

Made from Recycled Milk Carton



Not all items are shown.

Build a long lasting birdfeeder from a milk carton. Milk cartons are covered in a waxy substance--this allows them to hold the liquid and not fall apart. That's why these make great birdfeeders. You can paint your feeder or decorate it however you want. To protect the paint from rain, cover the feeder with a clearcoat spray or Modge Podge. **These make great gifts!**


Challenge yourself by using sticks for the bird perch and items from nature to decorate.



Supplies:

- Empty milk/juice carton (cleaned and dry)
- Acrylic paints, paintbrushes
- Wood glue, gluesticks/gluegun*
- String, yarn, wire, or ribbon for hanging
- Clear coat to protect from rain--(optional)
I like to use Modge Podge
- Birdseed
- Utility knife or hole puncher
- Small dowel, stick or craft stick for bird rest

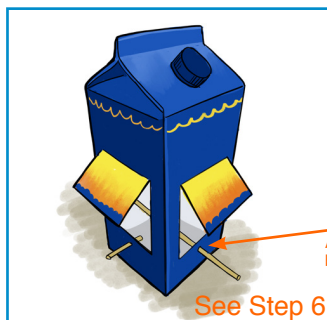
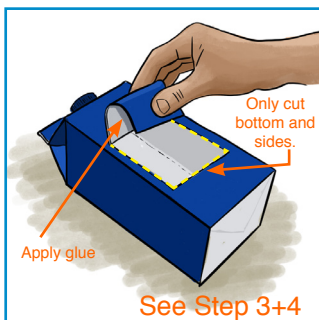
Directions:

- 1 Paint the carton (you may need 2-3 coats of paint)
- 2 Use a pen and draw the window opening on 2 sides of the feeder.
- 3 Using a utility knife  carefully cut the bottom and sides of the window flap.
- 4 Fold the window flap under and glue to itself to create overhang to protect the bird seed and birds. Repeat with the other window.
- 5 Finish decorating the outside of the feeder.
- 6 Poke a hole for the stick just under each window. Insert the stick and apply glue*. *For extra stability I pushed one stick all the way to the other side and glued it.*
- 7 Punch two holes in the top of the milk carton. Place the string through each one and tie a double knot.
- 8 Fill the bottom with birdseed and hang your creation!



Make sure to have adult supervision.

**Using a glue gun will provide a longer lasting feeder.*



Bible Lesson

“Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?” *Matthew 6:26*