

MAKING FRUIT FEEDERS FOR BIRDS

USE YOUR
hands



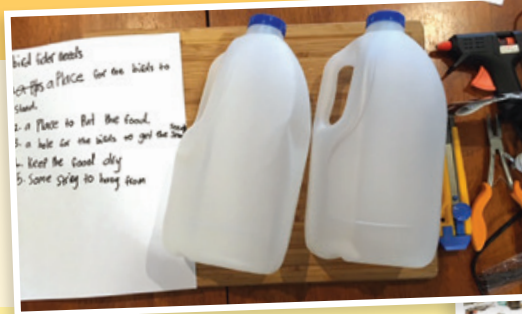
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We made these in the last school holidays and we wanted to share them with you. To make some like ours, follow along with our story and photos.

First, we talked about what a bird feeder needed. Then we researched some online. We looked round for some things to make them with and drew our plans.

We used:

- Milk bottles
- Wire
- Sticks
- A stanley/craft knife (with an adult)
- A hot glue gun (with an adult)



We cut holes in each side of the bottle, stuck wire through holes we made in the bottle cap, and made baffles (things to confuse or distract other animals) to protect the food. The baffles went on top.

We found out from the Forest & Bird website that native birds like fruit, so we saved our fruit cores while we painted the feeders and waited for them to dry.

We put the feeders out and had to wait patiently because no birds came for at least two weeks! When they did come, it was awesome!



TOP TIP:
Make sure you keep the inside of your fruit feeders clean so they don't get all mouldy.

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