

MAKE A BIRD FEEDER

The garden birds really appreciate a little extra food during the colder months and this bird feeder is packed full of nutritious, energy rich food for them. The children love to watch the garden birds come and enjoy their creations.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED

1. Two apples (windfalls are perfect)
2. Mixed bird seed
3. Sunflower seeds
4. Cheerio's (or plain popcorn)
5. Lard
6. Garden string and wire
7. A sharp knife and butter knife
8. An apple corer if you have one
9. A sturdy stick (cut into two 10cm long pieces)
10. Ribbon for decorating

STEP 1

Core the apples (we managed with a knife but a corer makes the job easier!) and cut one apple in half around its middle.



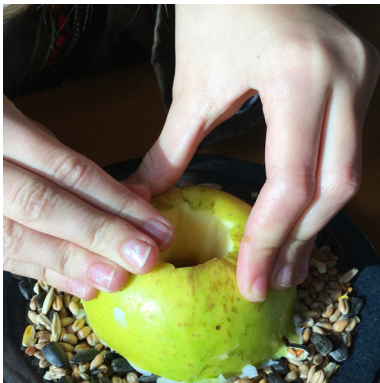
STEP 2

Take the whole apple and pierce the sunflower seeds in to it using the pointy end. Create a design of your choice.

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STEP 3

Carefully spread lard onto the half apple using the butter knife (it's a little tricky to get the lard to stay on the apple, but persevere, we found applying it thickly rather than spreading it thin worked best).

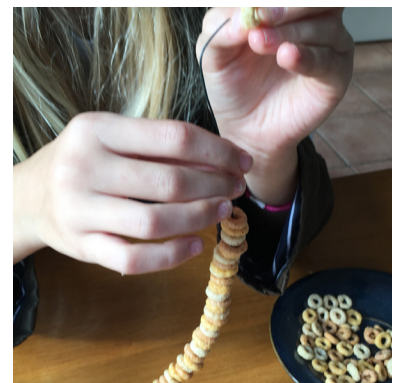


STEP 4

Press the lard covered half apple into the mixed seed until covered, it's best to have the seed mix on a saucer.

STEP 5

Thread Cheerio's onto the garden wire, leaving 3-4cm of wire to attach to the feeder.





STEP 6

Join the wire together and shape into a heart or circle.

STEP 7

Take one of your 10cm long stick pieces, this will be the perch for your bird to sit on. Tie the garden string around the perch and thread the string through the apples, making sure the half apple has the mixed seed facing upwards.



STEP 8

Fix the Cheerio filled wire to the perch to allow it to hang securely underneath. Tie the top end of the string to the second stick and create a loop. Finish with a pretty ribbon and find somewhere to hang in the garden.