




MAKE YOUR OWN
Bird Feeder



This bird feeder is lots of fun to make and a great way to attract native birds to your balcony or garden patio.

Materials

- Tissue box (rectangle or square shaped)
- Takeaway food container (cardboard or bamboo)
- Acrylic paints
- Scissors
- Plastic milk bottle lids/ bottle tops
- Googly eyes
- Paddle pop sticks
- Hot glue gun or good PVA glue
- Cardboard
- Blu Tack



This activity involves cutting. Please ask an adult for help.





Time needed:

1 hour making. Plus 40 minutes drying time for paint process. That's when we will be out on our Wild Winter Walk.

Instructions:

1

CUT OUT YOUR BIRD FEEDER SHAPES

For the wings, make 2 wing shaped templates from cardboard. Trace both sides of the tissue box with your templates before cutting your wing holes out. Using scissors cut "wing" shapes into the tissue box.

2

PAINT THE TISSUE BOX

Paint the tissue box in your favourite colour. You will need 2 coats of acrylic paint to make the colour nice and even. Paint your takeaway bowl as well. This will form the roof of your bird feeder.

3

ADD THE BOTTLE TOP BIRD EYES, BEAK AND WINGS

Take your food container and glue on your bottle top eyes and beak with the hot glue gun. Add your wing templates above the wing holes on both sides of the tissue box. Attach the roof to tissue box using the hot glue gun. Punch a little hole in your roof for hanging the bird feeder outside.

4

ATTACH BIRD PERCH AND FILL WITH BIRD FOOD

Make a hole below your tissue box opening and insert paddle pop stick perch. (Secure inside with Blu Tack)

Hang your beautiful bird feeder on a balcony, under a pergola or in a protected garden patio area.

Don't forget to upload some photos to social media and #NCEcraft