

# Milk Jug Bird Feeder

## Supplies:

- Milk Jug with cap
- Scissors
- String, Yarn or Twine
- Stick about 9 inches long
- Permanent Markers or Sharpies
- Birdseed

Step 1: Wash the inside of the milk jug and cap with soapy water. Rinse well. Try to remove the label - some will peel off easily, but others might be difficult (you can always choose to paint over the stubborn ones, or cut them out).

Step 2: Use scissors to cut "windows" into your milk jug. We liked using the larger sides opposite the handle. Don't go too low or you will lose seed storage space. If you want to put in a perch, make sure you don't go too wide with the window. Adults will need to help with this step for younger children.

Step 3: Using the pointy end of the scissors, carefully puncture two holes near the top of the jug for the hanger. Try to place the holes in the thicker plastic near the cap. Older kids can probably safely do this, but younger kids will need adult assistance.

Step 4: Cut your string, yard or twine to your desired length and insert it into the holes, tie a secure knot inside the milk jug.

Step 5: You don't need to add a perch, but if you want one, cut two holes in each corner and slide a stick through the holes.

Step 6: Decorate your jug using the sharpies or permanent markers (note: Sharpies and other permanent markers will eventually fade in the sun — a suggestion is to keep your bird feeder in the shade).

Step 7: Finally, fill with birdseed and hang outdoors. It might take a couple of days for the birds to find your feeders.

