



## Make a bird feeder from a plastic bottle

### Materials:

- One plastic drink bottle with cap (works best with a round bottle)
- Two willow sticks about 20cm long (a bit longer if using a 1- or 2-litre bottle)
- A drawing pin and nail scissors for punching and cutting the holes in the bottle
- String 40 to 45cm long

### Instructions:

1. Wash the bottle and if possible remove the label.
2. To make the perches, use a drawing pin to punch 2 holes opposite each other near the bottom of the bottle and cut small holes with scissors.
3. Insert a stick so that it passes through one hole, through the bottle, and out the other side. Repeat this to make the other perch just above the first (see diagram).
4. Now you're ready to make the feeding holes. Use a drawing pin and scissors to make a small hole about 4cm above each perch (about  $\frac{3}{4}$ cm wide). Keep in mind that the seeds will just fall out if the holes are too big.
5. To make the hanger, poke a hole in one side of the bottle neck and then the other.
6. Thread the string through the holes in the bottle neck and tie them together at the ends.
7. To do at home: remove the cap and fill the feeder with sunflower seeds or mixed seeds. (A small household funnel will make this easier to do.)
8. Screw the cap back on and hang the feeder from a tree branch or hook outside. Keep clean and replenished!

