

Make a plastic bottle bird feeder

You will need:

- 1 x clean plastic bottle (either an empty fizzy drink or squash bottle)
- 2 x wooden dowels or sticks from the garden (to use as perches). Approx. 10cm wider than the bottle
- Bird seed (enough to fill the bottle)
- Length of string or twine
- Sharp scissors

All cutting with sharp objects should be completed by an adult



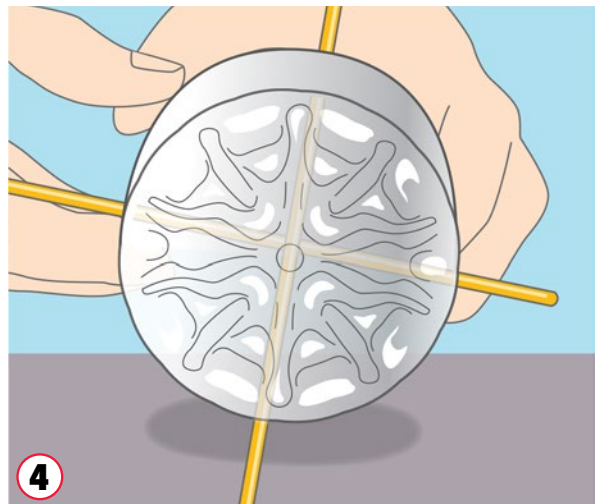
To begin make two level holes on either side of the plastic bottle, approximately 5cm from the base. These holes should be widened to accommodate the width of your wooden dowel or stick



Now push one of the dowels through both holes. There should be around 5cm of dowel left outside the bottle on each side for birds to perch on



Next create a second perch slightly higher than the first and at a 90 degree angle to the first.



These will create a cross shape as you look through the base of the (bottle as shown above)



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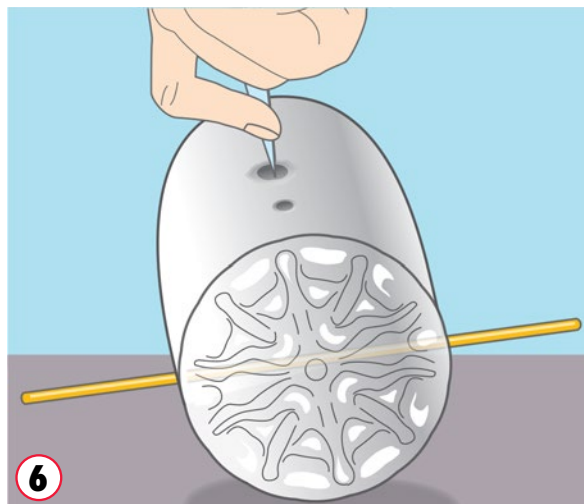


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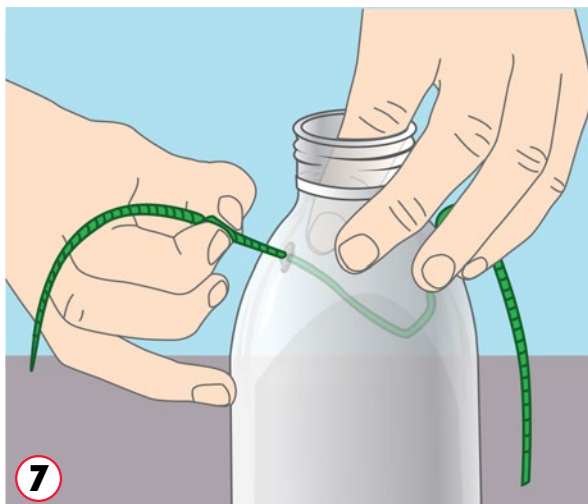
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Using scissors, add small drainage holes to the bottom of the feeder



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Slightly above each perch, cut a small feeding hole the size of a 5p coin. Ensure the holes are not too large or the seeds will release too quickly



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Now cut two small holes in the neck of the bottle on opposite sides and level with each other. Thread the string through the holes and tie both ends together. This will be used to hang your feeder



8
Finally, fill the bottle with bird seed, replace the lid and hang in a sheltered location

Top tip:

Why not decorate your feeder by gluing on some items from the garden?



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