MAKE YOUR OWN ‘BIRD FEEDER’

THIS BIODIVERSITY DAY
RE-USE A PLASTIC BOTTLE
AND
FEED A BIRD
WITH THESE 10 STEPS
Material required

• Waste plastic bottle
• Thumbtacks
• Scissors
• 2 sticks/ pencils
• Thread/ string
Step 1: Take a waste plastic bottle - clean it and remove all labels

Caution: Please do not buy a new bottle for conducting this exercise. Try to use the one lying around and help minimize the waste

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Step 2: Create 2 holes near the bottom of the bottle to create space for a branch/perch for the bird

Guidelines:
- Place the holes opposite to each other about 1 inch (2.5 cm) from the bottom
- Use a thumbtack as it is more safe

Caution: Be careful while using the thumbtacks
Step 3: Widen the holes on each side with a pair of scissors.

Guidelines:
• Place the tip of the scissors into each hole and rotate them to widen the holes
• Widen to the extent where a stick/ pencil can fit

Caution: Be careful while using the scissors
Step 4: Insert the rod/ stick through the holes to create a perch/ branch for the birds.

Guidelines:
• It should not be loose, otherwise it will slip and will be uncomfortable for the birds

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Caution: Stick/ pencil should not be sharp/ pointed, it might hurt the bird
Step 5: Add a similar perch/branch 2 to 3 inches (5.1 to 7.6 cm) above the first one.

Guidelines:

- Try to make the next set of holes at a 90-degree angle to the first, so that they form a cross shape

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Step 6: Create a few holes at the bottom of the bottle so that water can drain through them

Guidelines:

- Pierce the bottom of the bottle 3 to 4 times with a thumbtack and twist it a little

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Caution: Be careful while using the thumbtacks
Step 7: Make several feeding holes so the birds can access the food

Guidelines:
- Use thumbtack to pierce and scissor to widen the holes

Image source for bottle: https://pixabay.com/id/vectors/botol-makanan-minyak-160993/
Image source for bird: www.goodfreephotos.com
Step 8: Create 2 holes at the neck of the bottle to tie a thread/ string/ rope

Guidelines:
• Make sure that the holes are opposite to each other so that it can be balanced

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Step 9: Pass the thread/ string through the holes near the neck of the bottle to hang the bird feeder

Guidelines:
• Pass the thread/ string through the holes, then knot the ends together
Step 10: Pour bird food in the bottle and seal the cap

Your bird feeder is now ready and you can hang it in your garden.

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