



## BIRD FEEDER ACTIVITY (GRADE 5-6)

In this activity, you will be making bird feeders by recycling milk jugs or cartons. Open a discussion about bird-window collisions, why they happen and where they happen the most as well as potential solutions on how to prevent this situation from happening.

### Materials:

- Milk carton or jug that have been rinsed with water and dried
- Scissors
- Knife (adult assistance is recommended)
- A stick or wooden chopstick
- String or yarn about 20 cm long
- Paint and paint brushes
- Pen
- Tape
- Bird feed from a pet store (sunflower seeds also work)

### Directions:

1. Take your pen and trace a square window at the front of the carton so that the bird can enter. Once you're done tracing this, cut this outline open. Leave a small amount of space between the bottom of the carton and the window. Cover the sides of the hole with tape to prevent potential harm to the bird. You can put more windows in your carton if you would like.
2. Insert your stick or wooden chopstick through the front of the container and have it leave through the back as well. This will serve as a place for the bird to sit. You can place some tape around the opening on the stick or wooden chopstick has been inserted for it to be more stable.
3. Make a small hole so you're able to feed your string at the top of the carton. Knot the two ends together, this will be how you hang your bird feeder.
4. Paint your bird feeder anyway you would like! After the paint has dried, fill the inside of the bird house with birdfeed.

Once the bird feeder is complete, the students are able to pick a place where they would like to hang them. The best suggestion to help prevent bird-window collisions is to place the bird feeder within 3 feet away from a window so they're able to slow down and stop at it. It takes 2-4 weeks for the bird to recognize it.