

DIY Pinecone Bird Feeder



Image: www.swansonsnursery.com/div-pinecone-bird-feeder Tufted Titmouse



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ITEMS NEEDED

■ Pinecone

For better results, clean the pinecone before this project by shaking and brushing the dirt out of it.

■ Bird-Safe Nut or Seed Butter

When choosing a nut/seed butter, make sure that it is only basic natural ingredients. Make sure your choice is safe for anyone who might have allergies.

■ Birdseed

When choosing birdseed, make sure to choose a reliable brand to ensure the health of the birds.

■ Eco-Friendly Twine/String

To leave little to no impact on the planet with this project, use a string that will not harm the environment, such as natural twine.

STEP 1

Tie the string around the center of the pinecone, and ensure that the string will not fall off with weight on the pinecone. Tie a knot with the two strings.



STEP 2

Spread nut butter onto the pinecone, ensuring that it is evenly spread on every ledge of the pinecone.



STEP 3

Sprinkle bird seed all over the pine cone until no more bird seed sticks to the pinecone.



STEP 4

Hang your new bird feeder in a shaded area outside and watch for visitors.

Hooks and tree branches work best.



ALTERNATIVES TO PINECONES

If pinecones are not available, you can try using a cardboard tube.

Using pinecones, cardboard, or wood items instead of plastic protects our wildlife and environment from plastic pollution.

