



ARTS & CRAFTS

TOILET PAPER ROLL BIRD FEEDER

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Toilet paper rolls (not with toilet paper on them)
- Peanut butter
- Bird seeds
- String/Yarn
- Hole punch (optional)
- Sturdy sticks (optional)

DIRECTIONS

- Spread a light layer of peanut butter all over the toilet paper roll
- Sprinkle bird seeds over the peanut butter (they should stick!)
- Cut string to your desired length
- Place the string through the toilet paper roll and tie ends together
- Now you are ready to hang your homemade bird feeder craft!
- Sit back, and watch the birds enjoy their new treat!

You may choose to amp up your bird feeder by creating a seating area! To do this:

- Punch 2 holes in one side of the toilet paper roll, aligning them evenly across from each other. This will be used to tie the string for hanging
- Punch 4 holes into the opposite end of the toilet paper roll, align them evenly. This is for the sticks that the birds will perch on
- Gently insert the 2 sticks into each hole, going in one side and out the other in the corresponding hole
- Center each stick, they should be crossing over each other like an intersection and should stick out enough for a bird to perch on
- Place your string through the top two holes and tie together
- Spread the peanut butter, bird seed, hang up, and enjoy!



Recycle toilet paper rolls into bird feeders!



Alternative Bird Feeders:

Birds love a variety of foods, and using different foods will attract different birds to your yard! Below you'll find some alternative **bird-safe "people" foods** you can create bird feeders with :)



Birds love fruit and veggies: try piercing and hanging an apple like in the image above!

Apples

Biggest fans: Eastern bluebird, pine grosbeak, gray catbird, northern cardinal, northern flicker, American robin, scarlet tanager, cedar waxwing and red-bellied woodpecker.

Serving suggestion: Slice them up and remove the seeds. Or slice them in half, scooping out part of the fruit and filling with sugar-water, and skewer one on a feeder to attract hummingbirds, like the one seen here.

A tray or plate of slightly thawed frozen peas/corn

Bananas

Biggest fans: Northern cardinal, gray catbird, gray jay, scarlet tanager.

Serving suggestion: Remove the peel and cut in half lengthwise.

Cooked pasta and rice

Biggest fans: Blue jay, brown thrasher, tufted titmouse, red-bellied woodpecker.

Serving suggestion: Serve both plain, and chop pasta into little bits to make it easier to eat.

Eggshells

Biggest fans: Any bird eating your seed, as well as purple martin and barn and tree swallow.

Serving suggestion: Bake clean shells at 250 degrees for 15 minutes. Crush and set out in a dish, or mix in birdseed. They're a fine source of calcium for egg laying.

Melon, pumpkin and squash seeds

Biggest fans: Northern cardinal, evening grosbeak, red-breasted nuthatch, tufted titmouse.

Serving suggestion: Roast in oven first.

Peanut butter

Biggest fans: Too many to name, including black-capped chickadee, brown creeper, white-breasted nuthatch, wood thrush, wrens and woodpeckers.

Serving suggestion: Drop a dollop in a dried-out orange half left from oriole season, or spread over a pinecone.

Raisins

Biggest fans: Eastern bluebird, northern cardinal, gray catbird, northern mockingbird, orioles, American robin, scarlet tanager, brown thrasher, wood thrush, cedar waxwing, and red-bellied and red-headed woodpecker.

Serving suggestion: Soak raisins in warm water first so they're soft and easier for birds to bite.