

Cone bird feeders with Matilda Mouse



Help the birds in your garden through winter by making your own bird feeder

You will need:

- Selection of cones
- Thread
- Peanut butter or raisins,
(or lard with stale breadcrumbs, chopped apple or nuts and birdseed)
- Newspaper

What to do

1. Cover the work area with a few sheets of newspaper. This can get a little messy!
2. If your cone has not yet opened up, place it in a warm place and leave for a few days to dry out and open up.
3. Tie the thread onto your cone before you start to fill it with food!
4. Squash the raisins or peanut butter into the gaps between the cone scales.
5. If using lard, ask an adult to gently heat the lard, adding the breadcrumbs, chopped apple, chopped nuts and birdseed. Leave to cool.
6. When the mixture has begun to thicken but is still runny, dribble it in between the cones scales. Leave upright to set.
7. Find a good safe place outside to hang your feeders. Have fun bird spotting!

