

Tin Can Bird Feeder



Materials needed:

- tin cans
- paint and brushes
- top coat finishing spray
- ribbon
- dowel rods or craft sticks
- hot glue
- old socks or gloves
- bird seed*

*Note: some bird seed contains nuts or is made in a factory that handles nuts.

Be sure to check the label or keep the bird seed packaged until a parent or caregiver has given the okay, to avoid a possible allergic reaction.

Step 1: paint tin can

To protect little hands from the can's rough edges, have students wear a sock or old glove on one hand, then wear the can on that protected hand, using their free hand to paint. The can will need more than one coat of paint and should be allowed to dry completely between coats.

Step 2: spray sealant

Once painting is complete and all cans are dry, adults will spray each can with a clear sealant, (example: Krylon Maxx) to help protect the feeder from inclement weather.

Step 3: attach dowel rod and ribbon

Use hot glue to attach a dowel rod or craft stick (as a bird perch) inside the can.

Poke holes on opposite ends of the can, so the ribbon can be attached in two places (making it less likely to tip over if a heavy bird or squirrel comes to eat). Tie a knot at one end of your ribbon and thread up through one hole (from inside of can, then out), then thread into other hole and tie another knot to secure it.