Make a Pine Cone Bird Feeder

Making pine cone bird feeders is a simple, family-friendly project that will get you outside and help your backyard birds stay fed in the winter!

WHAT YOU’LL NEED

- Pine cones
- Peanut butter
- Garden wire, twine, or ribbon
- Birdseed
- Plate or tray
- Bowl or plastic container
- Popsicle sticks or spoons
- Scissors

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Pick out a pine cone that has dried and opened up.
2. Tie wire or twine around the top third of the pine cone and secure firmly. Close the loop at the top by tying a knot or twisting securely, so that the pine cone feeder won’t fall out of the tree when birds are sitting on it.
3. Place your pine cone on a plate or tray, and using a spoon or popsicle stick, spread peanut butter into the crevices of the pine cone. You don’t need an excessive amount of peanut butter; just enough so it will let the birdseed stick to the pine cone.
4. Pour bird seed into your bowl or container. Place the peanut butter-covered pine cone in the seed container, and toss the seed over top and all around. Pack the seeds into the crevices and to the outside of the cone so that the pine cone looks like a little seed ball.
5. Once you’re done preparing your pine cones, hang them in your favorite trees and wait for the birds to come!