



CRAFT CORNER:

BIRD FEEDER

How beautiful are the birds our Heavenly Father created! Turn a simple plastic water bottle into your very own beautiful bird feeder and watch the little birds come to feed!



Supplies Needed:

- Plastic water bottle
- Thin rope, twine, jute or yarn (jute pictured)
- Dried beans, lentils or peas (split peas and chick peas pictured)
- Ribbon
- Stick from outside about 12-14" long – Bird perch
- Glue
- Scissors
- Marker or a crayon



Observe the birds of the heaven, that they do not sow, nor do they reap, nor do they gather into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Do you not rather excel them? Matthew 25:26

Instructions:

1. With a marker or crayon, draw a square window on the front of the bottle and one on the back to match. It should be a couple of inches from the bottom of the bottle.
2. Carefully, cut out the square on the front and back with a pair of scissors. You may need an adult to do this part because it is very tricky and should be done with great care!!
3. Puncture a hole just below the window on front and back. This is where you will thread the stick through..
4. Spread lots of glue on the cap and with your twine circle around the cap pressing it firmly into the glue.
5. Less than half way down the bottle, spread lots of glue below the cap all around the bottle. With your twine, circle the bottle again until you reach the cap. (as pictured)
6. Spread glue on side of bottle and cover with your dried beans or dried peas. Repeat on other side. (as pictured)
7. Glue a couple rows of twine around the bottle, just above the stick.
8. Add your additional beans and ribbon decorations.
9. Let your project dry for at least 30 minutes.
10. When dry, thread the stick through the holes you made in the front and back of the bottle.
11. For the hanging twine, cut a long piece of twine. Loop one end once around bottle cap and tie into a tight knot. With the other end, go around the bottle top once and then tie it tightly into a knot. Knots should line up opposite each other to balance the hanging bird feeder.
12. Add your birdseed and hang on a tree in your yard or hang it somewhere on your porch!

Variations:

You can use brightly colored yarn instead of jute and decorate with buttons, ribbon and beads instead of beans/peas.