

# Scouting AT HOME Badgework



BEAVERS



Skills Challenge

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## Bird feeder

### You will need ....

- One well rinsed, washing up liquid bottle
- Two pencils or two pieces of dowel
- String to hang bottle.
- Scissors.
- Unsalted peanut, or birdseed.

### Want you do ...

- Cut the "stopper" off the top of the bottle leaving only the open top squirter.
- Cut out four slits down the length of the bottle, stopping about 5 centimetres (2 inches) from the bottom. Each slit should measure approximately 5 millimetres wide, enough so that the birds can get their beaks through the slot but not so big that the seeds fall out the minute they are put in!
- The seeds shouldn't be bigger than the gap though as otherwise the birds will not be able to get the seed out, but the weight of all of the seeds once the bottle is full should keep them in place until the bird pulls them out.
- Thread a piece of string through the top and knot it sufficiently to hold the bottle.
- Cut four small slits near the bottom of the bottle, Insert the pencils or dowel into the slits, pushing them through the bottle and out the other side.
- Fill the bottle with unsalted peanuts or bird food.
- Replace the top and hang the feeder in a suitable place at home where they can watch the birds feed.
- Over the next few weeks see how many birds used their feeder and whether you know the types of birds they are.



Fairly  
clean



Not too  
messy



Quite  
messy



Highly  
messy

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