Build a bird feeder with The Historic Trust!

Follow the steps below to create your own backyard bird feeder out of ordinary household items.

**Step 1:** Collect your materials. To make a bird feeder you’ll need:
1. A plastic bottle
2. Two wooden spoons. (Plastic will also work)
3. An X-Acto knife. (If you’re under 18, please have a parent assist you with this portion of the project.)
4. A Sharpie
5. Scissors
6. Wire
7. Birdseed

**Step 2:** *Children should have their parents assist with steps two through five.*
With your sharpie, draw a small circle (about the size of the skinny end of your spoon) on one side of the bottle, approximately 4 inches from the bottom. Directly across this circle, draw another, slightly larger circle.

**Step 3:** Cut out the smaller circle and make sure the handle of your spoon fits snugly inside.
Step 4: Directly opposite this hole, cut a slightly larger hole, allowing for the big end of the spoon to sit in the hole. Insert the first spoon.

Step 5: Repeat this process approximately 2 inches from the bottom of the soda bottle, but use the opposite sides of the bottle so your spoons are at a 90-degree angle to one another. (Refer to the top photo for clarification)

Pro tip: You can create as many feeding stations (spoons) as you like, but we recommend starting with two.

Step 6: Fill the bottle with birdseed. We suggest doing this outside or in an area where you can sweep up the mess.

Step 7: Use wire to tie a loop around the top of the bottle. Screw the top on, hang outside, and enjoy!

Pro tip: Follow this link to find out what kind of birdseed the Goldfinch prefers:
https://feederwatch.org/learn/common-feeder-birds/?__hstc=75100365.36c65a25b6987dd12922180a1c8a9d9f.1585937711207.1585949180355.1585962269859.3&__hssc=75100365.1.1585962269859&__hsfp=1678253793#_ga=2.18240893.431256147.1585937710-1530485155.15859377707

Pro tip: Want to contribute to a national online survey of backyard birds? Visit http://www.birdsandblooms.com/birding/attract-goldfinches-backyard/ to find out more.

Pro tip: Don’t have a plastic bottle? Check out https://www.familyhandyman.com/garden-structures/14-easy-diy-winter-bird-feeders/ for more DIY bird feeders.