

Bird Feeders and Nests

Making Feeders

Help your child make a bird feeder to hang somewhere where they can watch birds come to eat.

1. Find a pinecone – the larger the better!
2. Tie a string around the pinecone so you'll be able to hang it from a tree branch, bush, or platform.
3. Spread peanut butter (or another similar spread if your child is allergic to peanuts) all over the pinecone.
4. Roll the sticky pinecone in birdseed.
5. Hang it up and watch the birds come and eat!

Building Nests

Another bird-related project that children enjoy is trying to build nests out of sticks, grass, mud, straw, and other similar materials. Provide a paper plate for them to build their nest on. Encourage exploration and experimentation to find ways to build different nests. Talk with them about how difficult this would be if they were using a beak rather than their hands!