FEED THE BIRDS

Grab your favorite cookie cutters, and make these cute feeders for your backyard feathered friends!

You'll Need

2/3 cup of boiling water
2 packets of unflavored gelatin
2 cups of bird seed
parchment or wax paper
cookie sheet
cookie cutters or silicone molds
2-inch pieces of straws, dowels
or sticks (to create holes for
hanging)



- pieces of natural jute or twine
- Pour the water into a large mixing bowl. Add the 2 packets of gelatin and stir until fully dissolved.
- 2. Add bird seed and mix well until seeds are evenly coated.
- 3. Cover the cookie sheet with parchment or wax paper, and place the cookie cutters or silicone molds on the sheet.
- 4. Fill each shape with heaping amounts of the seed mixture.
- 5. Place another sheet of parchment or wax paper on top of the shapes, and press down firmly to pack in the seeds.
- 6. Remove the top sheet, and gently poke a piece of straw, dowel or stick through each feeder, being careful not to place the straw too close to the edge. (These will form the holes you'll use to hang your feeders.)
- 7. Place the tray in the fridge for 2 to 3 hours to allow the feeders to set.
- 8. Remove the tray from the fridge, and place it on a counter for a few hours to dry.
- 9. Turn over the feeders, and allow the flip sides to dry overnight.
- 10. Gently remove each feeder from the cookie cutter or silicone mold. (If the feeders aren't hard and dry, give them more time to dry before removing.)
- 11. Carefully remove the straws, dowels, or sticks, and tie natural jute or twine through the holes.
- 12. Hang on branches outside, and see who shows up for a snack!