

Suet Bird Feeder



This suet brings all the birds to the yard!

Help our feathered friends survive the winter months with a DIY bird feeder.

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Supplies:

- One (1) stick ten inches (10") long
- One (1) length of wire approximately eight inches (8") long
- One (1) ceramic coffee mug
- One and a half (1.5) cups bird seed
- One (1) length of twine approximately eight inches (8") long
- One half pound (1/2 lb.) beef suet (available from most grocery store butchers)
- Stove top
- Small pot
- Refrigerator
- Mesh strainer or slotted spoon



Instructions:

1. Begin the process of rendering the beef suet by placing the suet in a small pot on your stove top (Fig. 1). Heat the suet on medium low for about twenty (20) minutes or until fully melted (Fig. 2).
2. Meanwhile, trim your stick so it extends four inches (4") past the rim when set into the mug (Fig. 3).
3. Wrap a piece of wire around the point on the stick that is level with the lip of the mug as in Fig. 4. This will secure the stick so it doesn't move while the suet dries.
4. Fill your mug with approximately one and a half (1.5) cups of bird seed (Fig. 5).
5. Pour the melted suet through a mesh strainer or slotted spoon into the mug (Fig. 6). Use the stick to distribute the seeds through the suet. Let cool on the counter for about twenty (20) minutes.
6. Now, place the mug in the refrigerator to cool for approximately thirty (30) more minutes or until the suet hardens (Fig. 7). While hardening, periodically stir the suet to redistribute the bird seed.
7. When cooled completely, hang outside on a tree branch by tying the handle of the mug to a tree branch with twine.

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Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4



Figure 5



Figure 6



Figure 7