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Make a <u>pine cone bird feeder</u>. You'll need to collect a few pine cones — the larger the better.

To make a pine cone fat feeder, you can simply attach a pine cone to a piece of string and dip it into melted suet or fat, before rolling in wild birdseed.

Alternatively, use a blunt knife or palette knife and apply a coating of peanut butter to the pine cone, and roll it in wild birdseed. The pine cones can then be hung outside.



<u>Log Bird Feeder</u>

An alternative to the pine cone feeder is a small branch or log with holes drilled in it and filled with suet and seed mix.

- 1. Find a small fallen tree or a branch that is about 3 inches in diameter or about 9 inches in circumference. Select one that has firm wood.
- 2. For perching, birds can use the bark on the wood, the bottom of the hole, or a branch that is already on the log, and which you have trimmed to a reasonable length.
- 3. The wood should be cut about a foot long, cut either straight across or diagonally.
- 4. About an inch or so from what will be the top of the feeder, drill a hole so that you can put wire through it

to hang your feeder.

- 5. The peanut butter will go into a hole about 1-1/4 inches wide, and about 1-1/4 to 1-1/2 inches deep. An electric drill with a spade bit makes the job quick and easy. (A holesaw can also be used in place of the spade bit, but it makes a circular cut without removing the wood in the centre of the cut. That wood must be removed with a chisel and hammer, and the bottom of the hole will be pretty ragged and could trap uneaten peanut butter that could then become rancid).
- 6. You can mix bird seed, lard, cornmeal or grit with the peanut butter before you put it in the feeder holes.
- 7. Hang your feeder.