

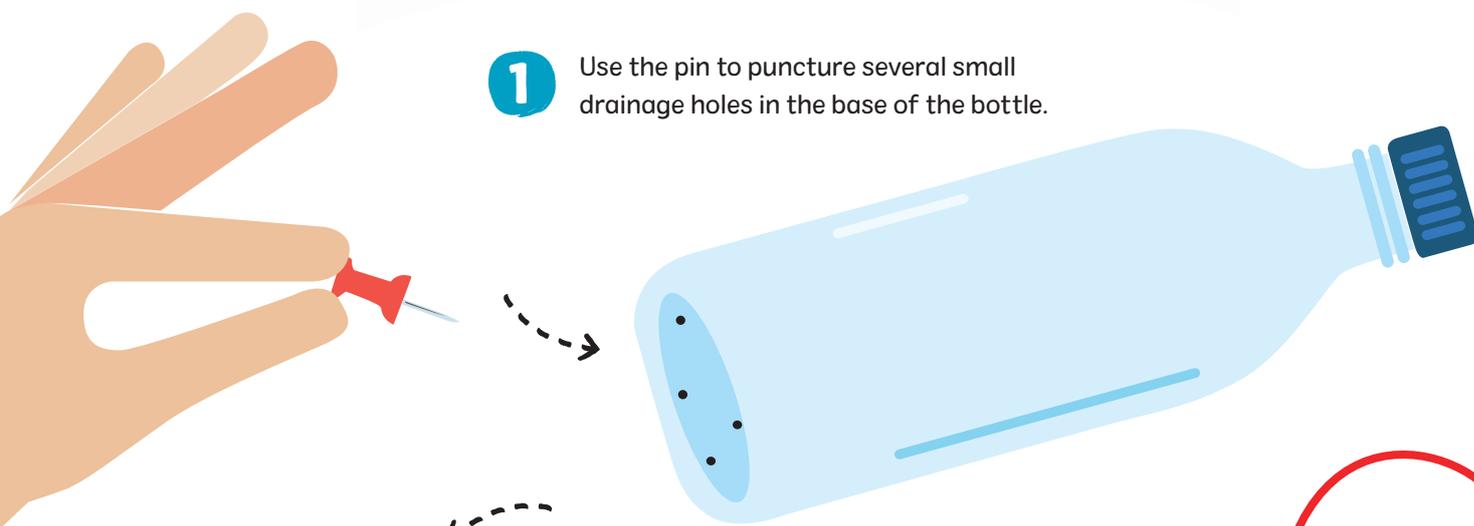
Make your own plastic bottle bird feeder

A lot of plastic bottles end up in our wetlands and oceans where they cause all sorts of problems for wildlife. It's great to recycle them but even better to put them to good use, making one of these fantastic bird feeders.

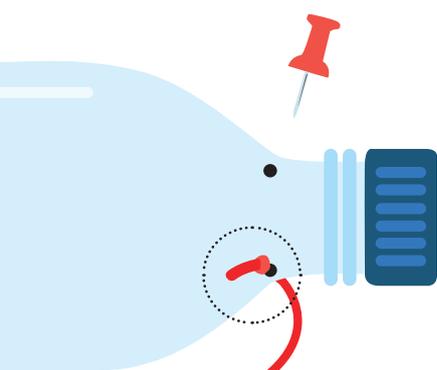
You will need:

- An empty plastic bottle
- 2 x wooden spoons (if you don't have two, one will do)
- A drawing pin
- Scissors or a craft knife
- String
- A pencil
- Bird seed

1 Use the pin to puncture several small drainage holes in the base of the bottle.

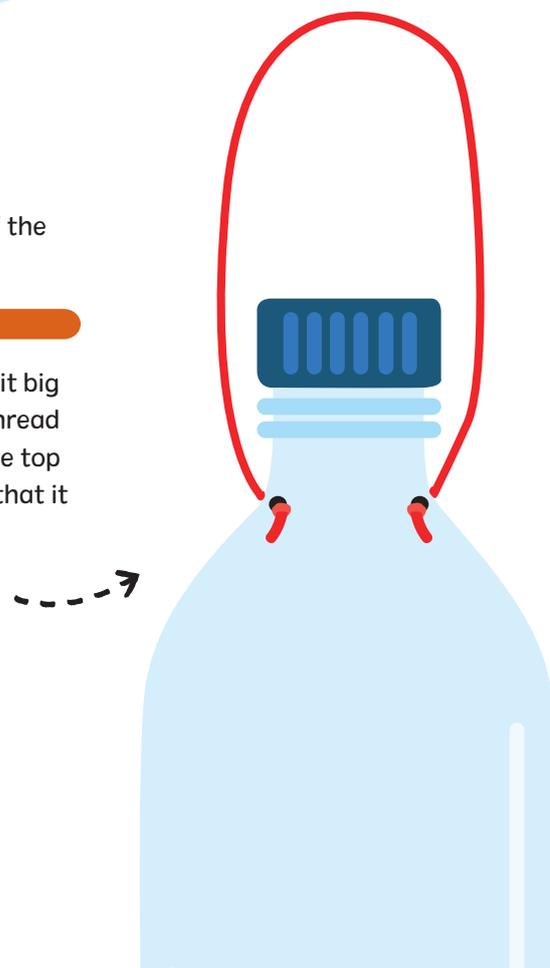


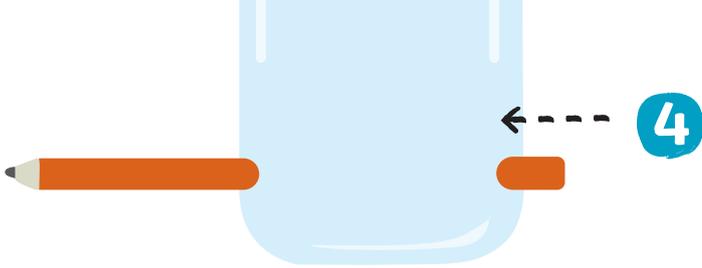
2 Use the pin to make a hole in the side of the neck of the bottle.



Enlarge the hole using a pencil to make it big enough to thread through the string. Thread through the string, pull it up through the top of the bottle and tie a knot big enough that it won't fit back through the hole.

3 Cut the string to the correct length to enable you to hang the feeder up and repeat on the other side using the other end of the string.



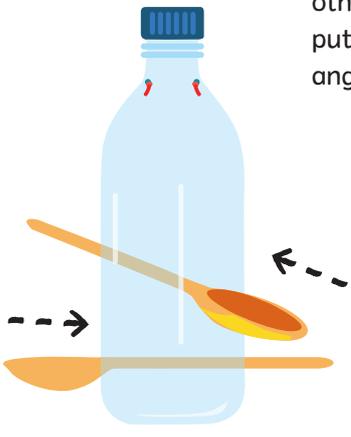


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Use the pin to make two level holes on opposite sides of the bottle, near to the base. Use the pencil to widen them slightly. They need to be just big enough to push through the handle of one of the wooden spoons. If the pencil hasn't widened the hole to the correct size, cut a small slit to help the spoon push through. Push the handle of one of the wooden spoons through the holes until the head of the spoon is just poking out.

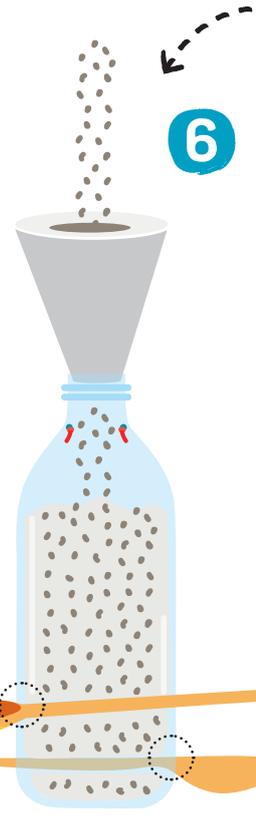
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Repeat this a little further up using the other wooden spoon, putting this one at right angles to the first.



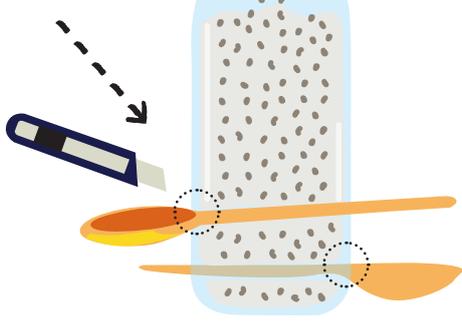
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Fill your feeder with seed. You may need to use a funnel to help with this.



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Use the scissors or a knife (an adult should do this - please take care) to make the holes next to the heads of the spoons just large enough to allow a small amount of seed to fall out onto the spoon.



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Hang your feeder up somewhere sheltered where you can see it.



Connecting with nature

- Which types of birds used your feeder?
- What do you think the birds liked best about your feeder?
- How does it feel to have helped the birds in this way?
- How did watching the birds using your feeder make you feel?

Share the fun

We would love to see a photo of your feeder and would love to hear about the birds you managed to encourage and how watching them made you feel.



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