

Edible artwork for birds

What you need

- Pieces of wood or card
- Pencils
- Old paint brushes
- Soft lard or vegetable fat
- Small bird seed
- Some thin twigs
- Scissors
- Hole puncher and string

What to do

- 1) Draw a simple picture on the card/wood.
- 2) Punch two holes at the top of the picture and thread the string through the holes.
- 3) Warm up the lard/fat so it is soft enough to paint with and paint over the picture. Make sure you have enough time and ask an adult to help you do this.
- 4) Sprinkle the small seeds over the wet lard/fat and shake off the excess. You may need to do this several times as the lard/fat will dry quickly.
- 5) Once it is dry, make one or two holes in the card with scissors and stick the twigs through them to make bird perches.
- 6) Hang your artwork out on a fine day and see if the local birds like your work!
- 7) The artwork should not be re-used and will need disposing of carefully when the birds have eaten it.

