Wild at Heart

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Fruity Bird Feeders

How to give garden birds a winter treat!

Attracting birds to your garden is a great way of getting closer to nature and observing the birds feeding behaviour and interactions.

Great for you and great for the birds!

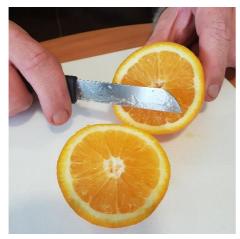


Ingredients and resources needed

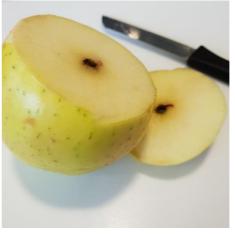
- Oranges or apples
- Lard
- Bird food e.g. sunflower hearts, mixed corn, peanuts and meal worms
- String
- Scissors
- Crochet hook
- Sharp knife
- Chopping board
- Teaspoons
- Heavy bottomed pan.



1. Cut your fruit.



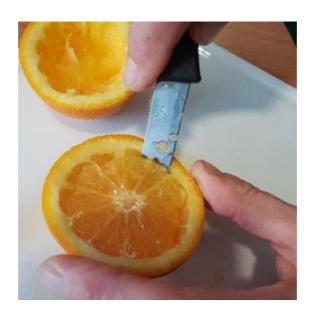




Slice the top off the apple

2. Use a knife to cut around the edge of the orange and apple.

Leave the white of the orange in place and quite a thick edge if it is an apple.

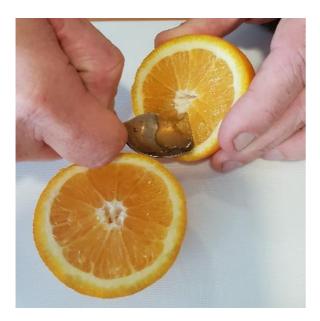


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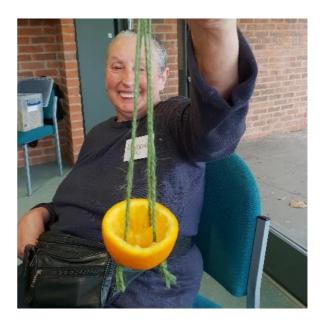
3. Use a teaspoon to scoop out the inside of the orange or apple – you can eat this or add it into the seed mixture.





4. Use your crochet hook to make 4 holes in the fruit equidistant apart. Use the crochet hook to pull the string though holes and knot and tie so that they are secure.





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5. Using a low heat melt the lard in the heavy bottomed pan, then add the bird food mixture and stir.







6. Use this warm mixture of lard and bird food to pack the hollows inside the fruit.

Make sure that your string is not tucked inside. You will need to hang the finished bird feeder from the string.



7. Leave to set and then hang in the trees for your feathered friends to find and enjoy!





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