








Make a recycled bottle bird feeder


Educator Notes

Age				
Early Years	4-7	8-12	12-15	16+
				

Time				
> 10 mins	> 30 mins	> 60 mins	> 2 hours	Long term
				

Season				
All year	Spring	Summer	Autumn	Winter
				

Curriculum Links	
Expressive Arts	
Health & Wellbeing	
Literacy & English	
Mathematics	
Sciences	
Social Studies	
Technologies	

Location		
Indoors	Outdoors	Either
		

Equipment list
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An empty plastic bottle with lid • Two small sticks (or lolly pop sticks) • Drawing pin and scissors • Piece of string • Some bird seed

Instructions
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use a drawing pin to make two holes on opposite sides of your bottle at the same height. Cutting plastic can create jagged edges so be careful and supervise any younger children. 2. Using scissors, carefully widen the holes until they are just smaller than the width of your sticks. 3. Push one of your sticks through both holes to form your first perch for the birds. 4. Make two more holes in the same way, but higher up the bottle, so that they are at 90 degrees from your first set of holes. 5. When you insert your second stick, it should form a cross-shape when looked at from below. 6. Use your drawing pin and scissors to make some small drainage holes in the bottom of your bottle. 7. About 4cm above each perch, use your drawing pin to make a hole and widen it using the scissors (these will be the feeding holes). 8. At the neck of the bottle, make two holes opposite each other and thread through your string and tie a knot. 9. Pour your bird seed into the bottle, screw on your lid and hang up your bird feeder!