

Pumpkin Bird Feeder

Materials

- pumpkin (pie pumpkin works well for size!)
- knife and cutting board
- large spoon for scooping
- skewer or drill
- bird seed
- string
- 2-4 sticks (about .25 inch thick)



Instructions

1. Cut pumpkin in half with a large knife and cutting board (an adult needs to do this part or help you cut). You can make two bird feeders from one pumpkin! Just repeat the steps below for each half.
2. Scoop out the seeds of each side of the pumpkin with a large spoon.
3. Using a skewer or drill, make 4 holes midway down the sides of the pumpkin. These holes should point away from each other; think of poking a hole aiming N, S, E, and W on a compass!
4. Poke your stick through each hole so that the sticks poke out at least an inch from the outside of the pumpkin. you can use two long sticks that go through both sides, or four smaller sticks that do not meet in the middle.
5. Cut two pieces of string about 2 feet long a piece. Tie one piece of string to one of the sticks poking out of the pumpkin. tie the other end of the same piece of string to the stick poking out on the OPPOSITE side of the pumpkin.
6. Repeat this step with the two remaining sticks. Your strings should criss-cross once they're tied.
7. Fill the pumpkin with bird seed and hang it from a tree or your porch and watch the birds enjoy!



BIRD TRACKER



DATE/TIME	BIRDS	NOTES

What kind of birds visit your feeder?
What seed do they like the most? What time of day do they like to eat?

