

# Pine Cone Feeders



The kids will have a lot of fun making these feeders and even more fun hanging them up.

## **Supplies list as follows:**

Pinecones

string

1/2 cup suet

1/2 cup vegetable shortening

3 cups corn meal

2-3 TBSP water

1/2 cup of peanut butter

birdseed

1/4 cup of dried fruit, or seeds (optional)

Mix the suet, vegetable shortening and the cornmeal together add the nuts/dried fruit to the mixture, add the water as needed, you don't want the mixture too crumbly or it won't stick to the pine cone.

Cut enough string, about an arms length, for as many pine cones as you will use. Tie the string onto the end of the pine cone; make sure the string has a loop on the other end to hang on the tree.



Spread a little peanut butter on the pine cone, it acts like glue, then cover the pine cone in the suet/shortening/corn meal mixture. Finally roll the pine cone in the birdseed while pressing the birdseed into the pine cone to make sure it sticks.



You are ready to hang the pine cone feeder outside on a branch.



Enjoy!  
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