

Popsicle Stick Bird Feeder

Materials:

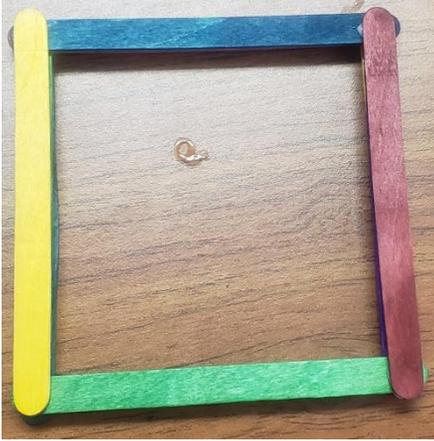
- Popsicle sticks
- Elmer's glue or a hot glue gun (I only had Elmer's glue on hand it got messy but still worked.)
- Paper plate/towel
- String, twine, yarn, etc.
- Birdseed/food

Directions:

1. Lay 12 popsicle sticks next to one another horizontally on a paper plate/towel.
2. Spread glue over the entire surface of the 12 popsicle sticks so they will hold together. Set aside to dry. (This will take some time.)



3. Now you will begin gluing your popsicle sticks together in the shape of a square. To start, have two popsicle sticks aligned vertically. Put a dot of glue at the top and bottom of each popsicle stick. Now position two popsicle sticks, one at the top and one at the bottom where the dots of glue are placed, horizontally.



4. Keep repeating this pattern until desired height. (A shallow feeder is good because it's not too tall for birds to feed out of.)
 - a. If you'd like to add a perch for a bird to stand on while feeding, glue the last inch or more of two popsicle sticks together. Once dried, lay the popsicle sticks on the squares that you have been building. These will stick out over the sides so birds can land on them. Continue with the square building process on top of the perches.



5. Once completely dried, glue your square box of popsicle sticks to the 12 popsicle stick flat that you had made at the beginning. Allow to dry again.
6. Tie string, twine, yarn, etc. to the four sides of the feeder box you have made.
7. Take outside and find a sturdy branch/limb to hang the feeder off of. Tie to the limb.
8. Fill the feeder with birdseed.



9. Watch as birds visit their new feeder!

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