

BUILD YOUR OWN FEEDER TRAY

A tray feeder can make your schoolyard, backyard or deck a popular meeting place for a wide variety of birds. This project should be undertaken with adult supervision!

Materials

a printout of this document
one 16" by 11 1/4" slab of plywood to be the floor of the feeder
one 1" by 3" strip of wood, at least 55 3/4" long to be the walls of the feeder
saw, drill, and nails
bird seed

Instructions

Use the following diagram to cut your plywood and board to the appropriate sizes. A home improvement store will cut the boards for you for a small fee.

Drill four small, evenly spaced holes in the bottom of your feeder to allow rainwater to drain.

Nail the pieces together as specified in the diagram.

Spread bird seed about 1/4" deep in the feeder.

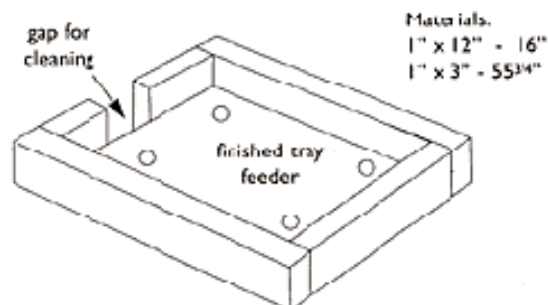
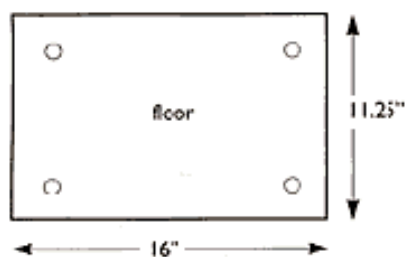
Set your feeder on a treestump, picnic table, or window box. Place it away from trees and bushes so the birds can't be ambushed by cats or other predators.

How many different bird songs can you identify? Keep a list of the different types of birds that visit and try to take pictures to go with your written records. Do the types of birds change with the seasons?

BIRD BUFFET



This dimension assumes a 3/4" thick board.
Sides should be 17 3/4" if board is 7/8" thick.



Materials:
1" x 12" - 16"
1" x 3" - 55 3/4"