

# OUTDOOR BOX

## WILDLIFE GIFTS IN REVERSE

Outdoor activities are at the heart of Scouting.

This activity is for Cubs but any section or leaders could take part too !

### Cub Wildlife Gifts in Reverse

#### What you need:

- Large Milk Container (4 pints)
- Stick or Dowel
- Scissors
- String
- Hot Glue Gun or Glue
- Sharpie Pens or Permanent Marker Pens
- Bird Seed



#### How to make it:

The Scandinavians have an unusual practice of making gifts for animals at Christmas time.

They place sheaves of wheat or barley on tops of tall poles, and they tack suet to tree trunks to enable birds to feed.

1. Take an empty milk container, making sure it has been washed out and is fully dry.
2. Mark the opening as shown in the picture, making sure the bottom edge it isn't either too close to the bottom (so the seed would fall out) or too high from the bottom (so the seed would be too deep and spoil if not eaten quickly).
3. Cut the hole carefully with scissors.
4. Pierce a hole to insert a length of stick or dowel to act as a perch (it is best if this goes right to the back of the bottle and sticks out the front 3 or 4cms) this can then be glued in place using a hot glue gun or other glue at both ends.
5. Pierce four holes in the "shoulders" of the milk bottle so that you can thread string through to makes loops to hang the feeder up in your garden.
6. Decorate the outside of the feeder with patterns of your choice and fill with bird seed for birds to enjoy a feast.

#### Greater things for the Great Outdoors:

Why not cover the inside of the bottle with some peanut butter and top with seed to add extra food for the birds.

#### Safety Notes:

**Scissors / Sharp Objects:** Supervise young people appropriately when using scissors.

Store all sharp objects securely, out of the reach of young people.

**Glue and Solvents:** Supervise young people appropriately when they're using glue and solvent products. Make sure there's plenty of ventilation. Be aware of any medical conditions which could be affected by glue or solvent use and make adjustments as needed.

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