

Today's Mission: It's for the Birds?!

When someone says, "That's for the birds!" They usually mean that whatever was just said is something crazy. But that isn't the case with this week's project. You are going to make something that really is for the birds - a recycled bird feeder. In the spirit of Tinker Tuesday...

DREAM ● PLAY ● CREATE

Instruction Overview:

1. Learn more from a recent study by Cornell Lab of Ornithology that claims there have been a [loss of nearly 3 billion birds](#) since 1970. Those birds need your help!
2. Then watch one or more of the instructional videos below.
3. Finally, design and build a bird feeder out of something in your recycling bin. *(Be sure to ask an adult for help with the scissors if you need it.)*
4. BE SAFE!
 - Watch out for sharp edges from cans or glass.
 - Always wash your hands when working with materials that may have contained food.
5. Look for ways to improve your design to get it to hold more food, serve specific type of birds, or prevent squirrels from getting to the seed.
6. Upload pictures or videos of your completed recycled bird feeders to your favorite social media outlet:
 - Use: [#tinkertuesday](#)
 - Tag: [@einsteinproject](#) & [@titletown](#)



Video Instructions:

- [Check out Sci-Shows Ideas on making some simple feeders!](#)
- [These are really cool feeders, but a bit more complex!](#)
- [Check out Maddie and her simple feeders!](#)

Learn More About Birds:

- [All about the birds has a free "Bird ID help" section](#)
- [Bird Song Hero: The song learning game for everyone](#)
- [Learn a trick about how to guess what kind of food a bird eats](#)