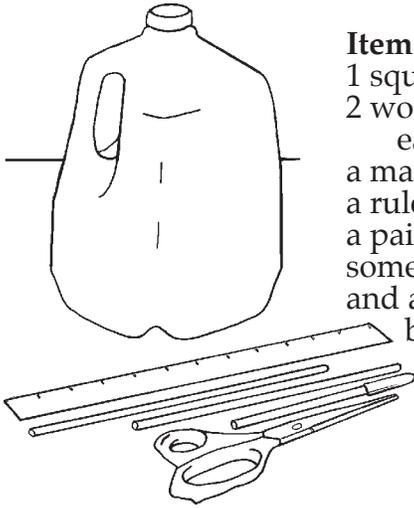


Build a Simple Feeder

A square, gallon-sized plastic milk jug can be converted into a simple feeder quite easily. It may not be as attractive as a commercial feeder, but the birds won't mind.



Items you will need:

1 square, gallon-sized plastic milk jug
2 wooden dowels,
each 1/2 inch round and 10 inches long
a marking pen
a ruler
a pair of scissors
some wild bird seed
and a creative method of mounting the
bird feeder to a post, tree or the house.

Mark for the openings

The openings should be about 2-1/2 inches from the bottom of the jug, 3 inches wide and 4 inches high, on the two sides opposite the handle.

Cut the openings

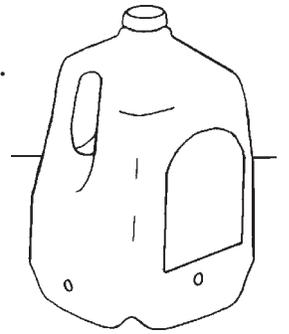
Arching the tops of these openings will make them more decorative. (A hobby knife is a good tool for this job, but because these knives usually are very sharp, it would be wise to get help from an adult.)

Add perches to the milk-jug feeder

Drill a set of holes through the jug about 1/4 inch below one of the openings. (Use the point of the scissors to start the hole.) Insert a 1/2 inch round wooden dowel, cut to a length of 10 inches, through these holes. Drill another set of holes through the jug 1/2 inch below the other opening and insert a second dowel. The ends should extend about 2 inches beyond the sides with the openings to form perches. Drilling one set of holes lower than the other set allows the dowels to cross inside the jug.

Your birdfeeder is ready to use. You could tie it outside or attach the milk jug feeder to a piece of wood with a couple of wood screws through the handle. Mount the pieces of wood on a post, tree or any structure in view from your window.

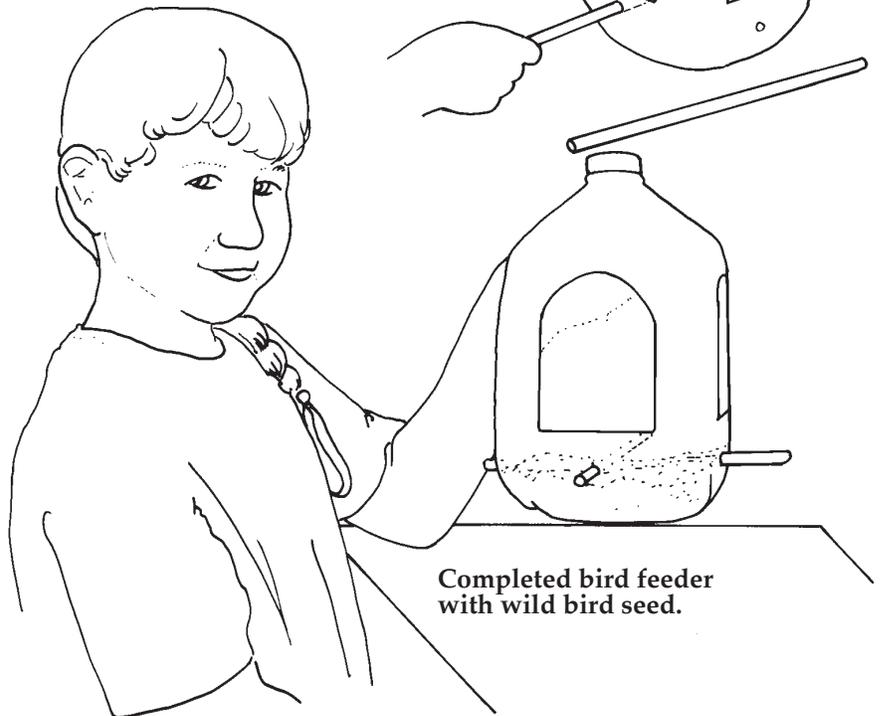
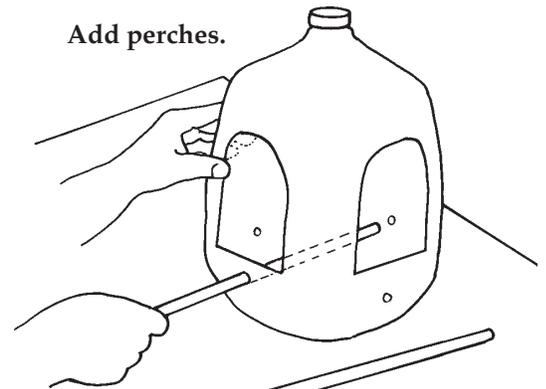
Mark the jug.



Cut the openings.



Add perches.



Completed bird feeder
with wild bird seed.