

# Cookie Cutter

## BIRD SEED FEEDERS

In the winter, it can be hard for birds to find food. Many of the bugs, berries and seeds they usually eat are gone or hidden. When we hang up bird feeders, we are giving them a tasty treat to help them stay strong until spring!

### What you need:

2/3 cup of boiling water

2 packets of gelatin

2 cups of bird seed

Parchment paper

Baking tray

Large mixing bowl and spoon

Cookie cutters or silicone molds (*simple shapes work best*)

Straws cut into 2-inch pieces (*one per ornament*)

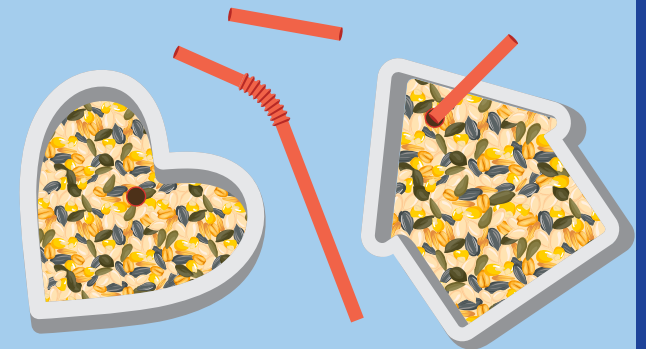
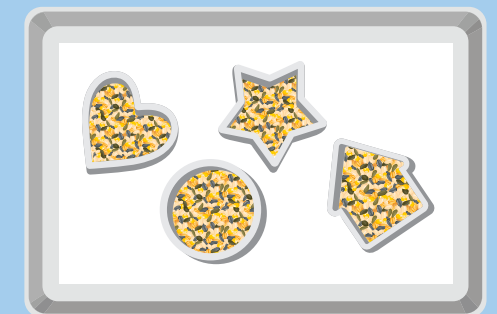
Sturdy string or yarn cut into 4-inch lengths (*one per ornament*)

### Instructions:

- 1 With an adult's help, boil the water and get your cookie cutters ready! Cover your baking tray with parchment paper and arrange your shapes on top.



- 2 Pour the hot water into the large mixing bowl. Add 2 packages of gelatin and stir until it is completely dissolved.
- 3 Add the bird seed and mix well for several minutes until the seed has absorbed all the liquid.
- 4 Scoop the seed mixture into your shapes. Press down to pack the seeds in tightly until your shape is full.
- 5 Gently poke straw pieces all the way through the seed shapes, about half an inch from any edge. Then put the tray into the fridge for 3-4 hours.



- 6 Remove the tray from the fridge and set it on the counter to dry out.
  - If you used cookie cutters: After 4 hours, gently flip the cookie cutters over to let the bottoms dry out too.
  - If you used silicon molds: Go to Step 7.
- 7 Let the shapes sit out overnight until they are completely dry then gently remove the bird feeders from the cookie cutters or molds. They should be dry and hard. If they are not, let them dry for a few more hours.
- 8 Carefully remove the straws and tie a loop of string through the holes. Hang your bird feeder outside and watch neighborhood birds enjoy a snack!

