

Growing Fruit: Bird Feeders for Flying Berry Eaters! Milk Jug Bird Feeder

Birds are known for their big appetites for small fruits. They adore strawberries and get VERY brave about taking them if you don't watch out! To protect your small fruits, give the birds something else to eat.

Build a homemade bird feeder by following the instructions for a **Milk Carton Bird Feeder** or a **Milk Jug Bird Feeder**.

You will want to **place** the bird feeder far away from your strawberry or other fruit plants. **Ask** someone to help you hang the feeder where animals can't reach it and where it is out of direct sunlight. **Fill** the feeder with berries, seeds, breadcrumbs, or leftover fruit.

It may take a while for birds to find your feeder, but **keep** your eyes open because they will come!

You need: 1-gallon plastic milk jug
large aluminum pie plate
glue
string
rock
scissors



1. **Measure** about an inch above the bottom of the jug, and **mark** a dot on the side of the jug. **Do** the same on the other side of the jug. At each dot, **make** a hole 3-inches in diameter.
2. **Glue** the pie plate to the bottom of the jug so birds can stand on the plate rim while eating. Make sure you **use** strong glue.
3. **Punch** a small hole in one side of the jug near the very top. Punch another hole directly opposite to the first one. **Place** a piece of heavy string or wire through these two holes so you can hang up the feeder. **Paint** or **decorate** your feeder, if you like. **Place** the rock or other weight in the bottom to help keep the feeder from blowing around in the wind.