

Milk Carton Bird Feeder

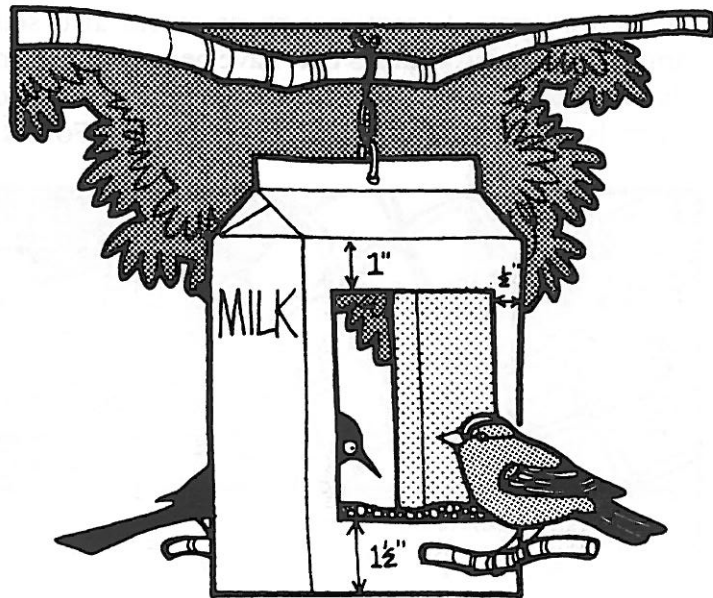
Make a bird feeder from an empty milk carton.

WHAT YOU NEED

- an empty half-gallon milk carton
- a pair of sharp scissors
- a stick 9 to 12 inches long
- a large paper clip
- some birdseed

WHAT YOU DO

1. Wash and dry the milk carton.
2. Using the scissors, cut windows in two sides of the carton, leaving margins as shown.
3. Carefully cut a small hole in each of the same sides near the bottom of the feeder.
4. Run the stick through both of these holes to create a perch.
5. Unbend the paper clip to make a hook.
6. Insert this hook through the top of the milk carton as shown.
7. Put some birdseed on the bottom of the feeder.
8. Hang the feeder outside. Choose a spot where feeding birds will be safe from cats and other predators.



EARTHWORDS

There was a strange stillness. . . . The feeding stations in backyards were deserted. . . . It was a spring without voices. On the morning that had once throbbled with the dawn chorus of robins, catbirds, doves, jays, wrens, and scores of other bird voices there was now no sound; only silence lay over the fields and woods and marsh.

—Rachel Carson
Silent Spring

