## HOW TO MAKE AN ORANGE BIRD **FEEDER BirdLife**

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### **MATERIALS NEEDED**

- Orange Preferably, a fresher, slightly less ripe fruit with a thick, strong rind that will make for a more durable feeder.
- Awl, paring knife or wooden skewer
- String
- Knife
- Spoon
- Birdseed (or other food birds love!)



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- **CUT THE ORANGE IN**
- **USE THE SPOON OR A MANUAL JUICER TO HOLLOW OUT EACH HALF OF THE RIND**



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**USING THE AWL, PARING** KNIFE OR SKEWER, CREATE **FOUR HOLES AROUND THE CUP OF THE RIND** 

> holes should The evenly be spaced and approximately a halfinch from the rind's cut edge, as holes closer to the edge may break, spilling the seed!



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## **CUT TWO LENGTHS OF STRING**

- Each piece of string should be 18-24 inches long
- Thread them through the holes in the rind
- Each string should go through two opposite holes, creating an "X" shape in the middle of the cup when both strings are in place



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#### **KNOT THE STRINGS** TOGETHER AT THE TOP TO **CREATE A PAIR OF JOINED LOOPS**

- This will be the hanger for your orange bird feeder!
- When tying the knots, take care that the lengths are balanced so that each loop will help support the orange and keep it level



FILL THE ORANGE CUP WITH BIRDSEED, PEANUT **BUTTER OR SUET MIXTURE!** 



HANG THE FEEDER FROM A TREE BRANCH OR HOOK



WATCH BIRDS VISIT YOUR FEEDER!