

# OUTDOOR BOX

## CHRISTMAS WREATH FOR BIRDS

Outdoor activities are at the heart of Scouting.

This activity is for Scouts but any section or leaders could take part too !



### Scout Christmas Wreath for Birds

#### What you need:

- Pinecones
- Long Twigs
- Garden Wire and Cutters
- Holly or other Leaves (optional)
- Soft Lard
- Bird Seed, Breadcrumbs, Grated Cheese, Dried Fruit and Peanuts (unsalted)
- Large Mixing Bowl and Wooden Spoon

#### How to make it:

This natural looking bird feeder doubles up as a Christmas Decoration for the garden.

1. Twist and weave together bundles of long twigs and tie in several places with pieces of wire to form a wreath or ring-shape.
2. Using a large mixing bowl and wooden spoon, squish the lard to make a soft paste.
3. Add bird seed, breadcrumbs and grated cheese and mix well.
4. Take a pinecone and attach it to the middle of a piece of wire, cover the cone in the bird food mix, pushing it in between the scales with your fingers. Repeat with several cones.
5. Attach all the cones to the wreath using the wires, making sure it is firmly in place.
6. Decorate with leaves if you wish and hang up in the garden for the birds to enjoy.

#### Greater things for the Great Outdoors:

Why not think of other bird feeders you could make to keep the wildlife fed over the winter.

Do some research online to find out what things are good for birds to eat.



**Tools / Scissors / Sharp Objects:** Supervise young people appropriately when using scissors.

Store all sharp objects securely, out of the reach of young people.

**Gardening and Nature:** Wash your hands after the activity has finished and wear gloves if needed.

**Online Access:** Supervise young people when they're online and give them advice about staying safe.

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