

The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About That!™

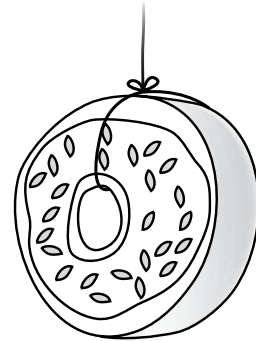
ACTIVITY

FEEDING AND OBSERVING BIRDS

Make a Hanging Bagel Bird Feeder

What You'll Need:

- Bagels (one for each feeder)
- Shortening
- Peanut butter (optional)
- Birdseed
- Foil pan, bowl, and spoons
- String or Yarn



This could be a messy activity, so be prepared with a wet cloth for clean-ups!

What To Do:

1. Invite your child to help you lay out all the materials on a flat protected surface.
2. Ask her to pour or scoop some birdseed into the foil pan.
3. Help her measure one half-cup of shortening in the bowl and add an equal amount of peanut butter if desired.
4. Mix well.
5. Invite her to use the spoon to spread the mixture on the bagels.
6. Once a bagel is covered with the shortening mixture, she can roll it in the pan of birdseed, using the spoon to get as much birdseed on the bagel as possible.
7. Once this is done, you can help by tying the end of a two-foot piece of string or yarn around the bagel.

Help your child hang the bird feeder outside in a protected place. You and your child can watch the different kinds of birds that visit the feeder and talk together about what you see.

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