

Bird Food Airplanes

Not all birds are as lucky as Lexi in the winter: Many of them can't find enough food and are often hungry. It is thus a matter of honour for Bernie and Lexi to help Lexi's bird friends! Do you fancy crafting small bird food airplanes?

You can hang them on the balcony or in your garden. Blackbirds, robin redbreasts, sparrows and the other small birds will be delighted – and you can sit back and watch them feed. Does that sound good? Then, off we go! We'll show you what you have to do.



What you need:

- bird food for wild birds
- coconut fat (coconut oil)
- biscuit cutters, i.e. airplanes and clouds
- a straw or toothpick
- possibly baking paper or aluminium foil
- parcel string
- a pair of scissors
- a spoon



What you have to do:

1.

For your bird food biscuits you first have to heat the coconut fat. Place it in a saucepan and let your parents heat it slowly on the stove. You can also melt it in the microwave.

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2.

Now you need to have a little patience: Let the mass cool down until the oil becomes slightly solid again. Grab your bird food and mix it up with thick coconut oil.



Attention: Don't use too much food or the bird food biscuits will crumble once they have dried. Take a look at the photo to see what the mixture should look like.

3.

Place your cutters on a piece of baking paper, aluminium foil or simply on a plate and fill them with the mixture. Of course, you can select other shapes apart from airplanes.



Stick a toothpick or a piece of a straw through them. Later you can thread a piece of string through the hole so you can hang up the bird food.

Now, let everything cool down. For example, you can simply leave the biscuits stand overnight.



4.

Finally, carefully remove them from the cutters. Hang them up outside using the parcel string. Have fun watching the birds!



Tip:

Instead of buying ready-made bird food you can mix your own together. For example, birds like sunflower seeds, oat flakes, raisins, chopped nuts and pumpkin seeds.

