



“Pine-tastic” Bird Feeder



Attract wrens, chickadees, nuthatches and woodpeckers with this easy and fun pine cone feeder

Materials needed:

- One large pine cone, already open- may need up to 4 cones if the cone is less than than 8 inches tall, opened*
- 2 cups chunky peanut butter
- 2 ½ cups coarse yellow corn meal
- Small bag of wild bird blend of bird seed.
- ½ cup of raisins
- String or ribbon

Directions:

- In a large bowl mix together peanut butter, cornmeal, raisins and ½ cup of the bird seed and reserve the remaining seed. (Note: This can be delightfully messy so either place newspaper under and around the bowl or go outdoors for the next step.)
- Using a dining knife, small spoon, or fingers (caution: the pine cones may be prickly), stuff the bird seed, peanut butter mixture into the opening of the pine cone.
- When the crevices are full, roll the pine cone in the additional bird seed and hang from a tree using the string or ribbon.

**There are two ways to open an unopened pine cones: Allow to air dry for a few days OR Place the cones on a foil lined cookie sheet or pan and bake at a very low temperature (230-degrees) until they have fully dried and opened.*

