



Exploring nature

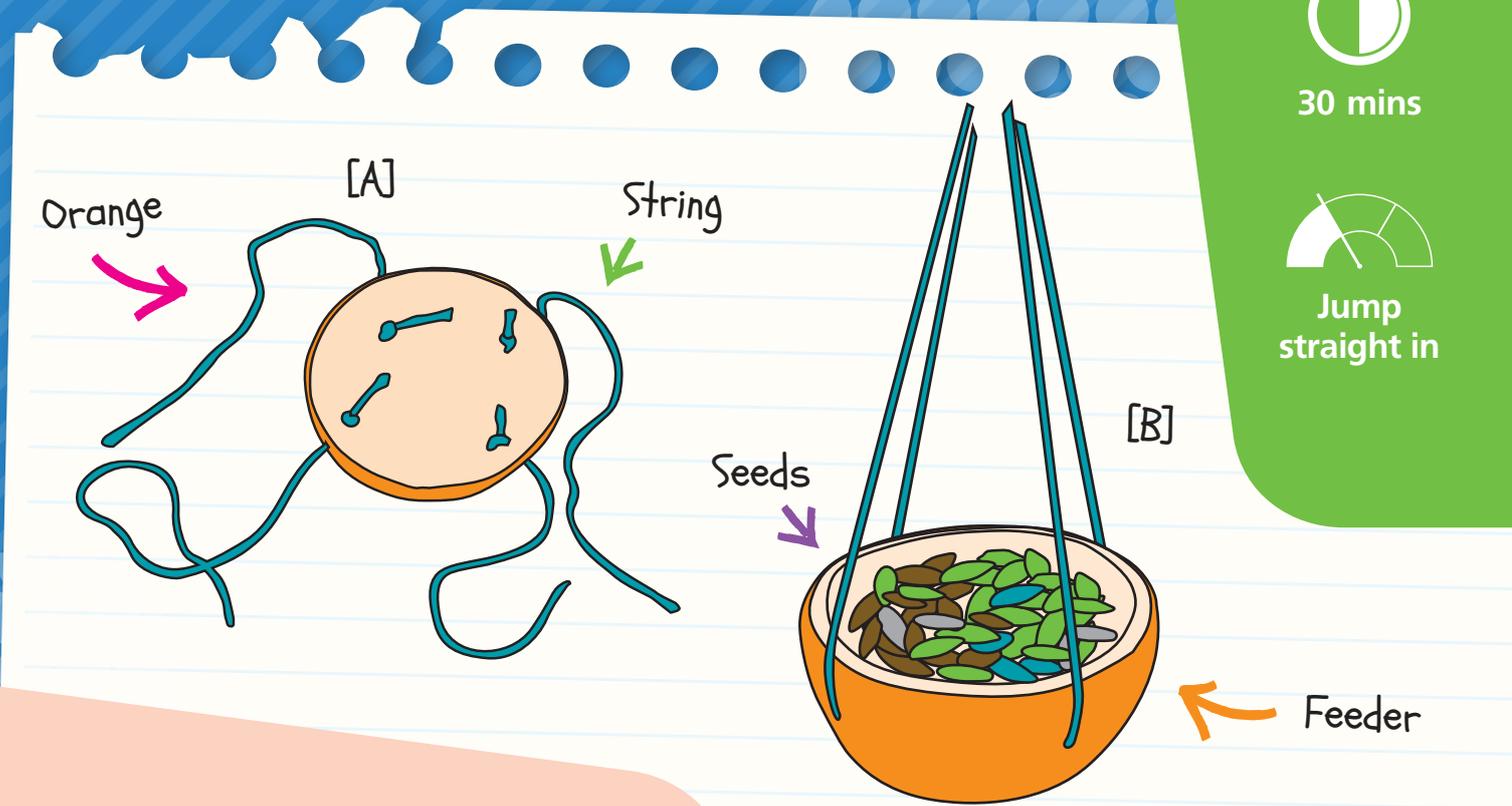


30 mins



Jump straight in

Citrus feeder



Aim of activity

Create a yummy bird buffet by making an appetising citrus feeder to hang outside.

What you'll get out of it

- Care for local wildlife.
- Find out what birds eat.
- Understand how to attract local wildlife.

What you'll need

- An orange per pair
- A paring knife per pair
- A chopping board per pair
- Knitting needles or something similar to pierce the orange skin
- String, twine or ribbon, 4x30cm pieces per girl
- Bird seed



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Girlguiding



Stay safe: knife safety



- Always cut away from your body.
- Always use a cutting or chopping board.
- Always hold firmly onto what you are cutting.
- Keep your fingers away from the blade.
- If you drop the knife, do not try to catch it. Step back and pick it up once it has landed.

Birds always appreciate food, especially when it's cold and there isn't much around. This orange bird feeder is biodegradable and can be hung on trees to give birds an extra meal.

What to do

1 Get into pairs with an orange, a cutting board, a knife, a knitting needle and eight pieces of string.

2 Carefully cut your orange in two, and take half each.

Top tip

Why not complete the whole activity outside as it can get a bit messy.

3 Scoop out the flesh of the orange to make a bowl with the peel, like in picture A. If this is tricky, you might find the knife helps – but be careful.

4 Put the flesh on one side - it can be a tasty snack for later!

5 Make four holes near the edge of the peel using the knitting needle, like in picture A.

6 Push a piece of string through each of the holes and secure it with a knot on the inside of the peel like in picture A.

7 Now take the four loose string ends and tie them together in a knot. Ask your leader for help if this is tricky. Make sure the orange hangs straight – like in picture B.

8 Take some bird seed and fill up the orange peel bowl. Your bird feeder is now ready to hang. You could either hang it on a tree near your meeting place or one near your home. See what kinds of birds come and enjoy the feast!

Take it further

Can you name the birds that use your bird feeders? Or can you find out?