

## Chapter 1 : 15 Awesome DIY Bird Houses and Feeders

*Birdhouses & Feeders You Can Make: Complete Plans and Instructions for Bird-Friendly Nesting and Feeding Sites [Paul Gerhards] on [www.nxgvision.com](http://www.nxgvision.com) \*FREE\* shipping on qualifying offers. How to build simple, functional birdhouses and feeders, including customized designs to attract a certain species.*

Most of them are not. In fact, some birds like the Bluebirds, Chickadees, and Nighthawks are one of the best natural pest controls; they eat insects like moths, bugs, plant lice, caterpillars, etc. They will make your job much easier. The Simple Birdhouse This birdhouse would be a great project for someone of most any age and carpenter skill level. It is the basic style of a bird house. But it could still fit into any home. So if you are looking for a project to do by yourself or even with a child in your family this would be a good place to start. It, too, would be a good fit for a beginner carpenter or even as a small family project. It would be one that you could likely include small children in as well. And it also gives simplified detailed instructions which makes the build that much easier. So if you would like a simple bird house that you could design to fit your taste then this one could be it. It would be a great project to do with your kids. And what makes it even better is that it should be able to be done for around a dollar. This site gives great instructions. And the project can be painted and made very unique to fit each home or child that would create it. The Beginner Birdhouse This is another traditional yet easy birdhouse to build. The site does a great job of giving directions on how to build it as well. So this would be a great fit for someone new to the world of carpentry. It would actually be a good project to test your skills out on. And the birds are sure to love it. The License Plate Birdhouse Are you a fan of license plates? I have a few people in my family that are. And if so, then this is a great birdhouse design for you. So the site does a great job at explaining how to build this. But it is definitely not one that will blend in. It will stand out and be as unique as the license plate you choose to build it with. My grandmother had birdhouses in her backyard and this one looks very similar to some she had over the years. The building instructions are very detailed. And it would be welcoming to many little birds that would sing in your backyard. The House Sparrows Box This is a unique birdhouse. The reason being is it is meant to hold house sparrows. And it can actually accommodate up to three breeding pairs. So if you love house sparrows and would love to give them a comfy nest to reproduce then this might be a great option for you. The Bluebird Birdhouse When I was growing up my great-grandmother absolutely loved birds. She had a big book full of birds that we were allowed to look at. And she even used that book to help us identify certain birds. Well, my absolute favorite was the blue bird. So needless to say I like this birdhouse because it is built just for them. It would hang beautifully from most any tree. And its shape gives it a unique flare. So if you are looking for something modern and unique then this birdhouse would probably fit your design taste. And it is also a traditional design which many enjoy. But the blog has this birdhouse painted beautifully so it would stand out. Hopefully, that will give you a few ideas on how to make this birdhouse your own. Well, this little bird house would fit in perfectly. Your feathered friends are sure to love it. The Green Roof Birdhouse This birdhouse is very unique. It begins with the basic style of a bluebird birdhouse. Then it adds a unique touch by adding a living roof to the birdhouse. So if you like the look of sod houses then why not add a birdhouse that would fall right in line? But it is made out of beautiful cedar. And I am actually a huge fan of cedar wood. I think it makes everything look like home. So if you need a cheap family project you might have just found it. But it also is a great looking design too. It appears easy to build and is easy on your wallet too. The Modern Birdhouse Not everyone loves everything to look rustic or old fashioned. And you know what? So this birdhouse would go great at any home. But it will stand out because of its unique design. Go ahead and give it a try. Birdhouse With Night Lights This birdhouse is beautiful. It follows a traditional design but it is painted a beautiful color. But what makes it even better is that it will light up in the night with night lights. So if you are looking for something that will add beauty to your property whether it be day or night then this birdhouse could very well do that. The top is a plate and the part that the birdfeed actually fits in is the bowl. It is very inexpensive and the design is very simple. It even includes pictures of unique ways you can paint this birdhouse to really make it your own. Cedar Double Birdhouse Planter What goes better together than birds and flowers? Well, this

planter helps you to combine the two in a beautiful way. Being able to build your own birdhouse is a classic family idea as well. This birdhouse can literally be built from one pine board. And it also has a simple design that makes it very easy to put together and have a functioning birdhouse in no time. The Backyard Birdhouse This birdhouse is so unique. And it would look beautiful in a garden, in your front yard, or even posted in your backyard too. DIY Bluebird House So if you are looking for a simple birdhouse that is cost efficient and efficient around time constraints then this could be a good option for you. And it is also meant for bluebirds. Which are great little birds that will brighten up any yard? Nor do you want anything that will even stand out as rustic. Well, look no further. This little birdhouse can be a secret hideaway for your feathered friends. A Simple Birdhouse Plan This little birdhouse is super easy to build. But if you are looking for something that will serve its purpose then this birdhouse could very well be it. And you can easily nail it to a tree in your front yard and watch your bird friends visit all day long. The Wren Birdhouse This birdhouse has a unique look to it. And I bet you never guessed it was meant to be built for a wren, did you? And because of their small stature, it can be built at a different angle with an elongated roof. And it is so simple that a child could probably build it by themselves with proper adult supervision. So if you love these little birds and would love to have an easy attractant then this birdhouse could certainly be it. If you are curious about chickadees well this article not only tells you how to build them the perfect house. And I love the design of this house. It is very simple and would be appealing to most onlookers. But it also has a unique charm about it that would add character to any home. The Teapot Birdhouse This is an absolutely adorable birdhouse. The actual birdhouse itself looks like a teapot. Then it stands as though it is pouring something into a teacup. So if you want something that will add charm to your yard or garden then this would definitely fit those criteria. You can still have a birdhouse. You might be surprised at how nice and easy this one appears.

### Chapter 2 : DIY Birdhouses And Feeders Youtube

*I recently purchased "Birdhouses, Feeders You Can Make by Hi Sibley in Paperback, to add to an ever growing collection of construction of Birdhouses and feeders, not to build all of them, but to see what others have come up with to provide shelter for nesting and roosting birds and provide encouragement to have birds come to your area.*

Our advice Buying Guide It can be easy to feed precious creatures such as birds. However, more often than not, novice birders make simple mistakes which can keep the animals from enjoying their feeders. Although some mistakes can only make the feeders unattractive, there may be some that you commit unknowingly which can endanger their lives or even traumatize them from ever coming back. Safety and Protection There are several forms of wildlife which will gladly raid the feeders of birds. Squirrels, rats, deer, raccoons, and even bears are known to snack at feeders. Select the design that allows the animals to perch as well to keep the seeds or suet cakes from being soiled. If possible, get more than one bird feeder so the birds get ample space while feasting on your treats. It will also help avoid overcrowding. Maintenance Birds expel in the same place where they eat; therefore, you will be tasked to sanitize and clean the bird feeders regularly. They are also difficult to sanitize. Instead, go for the one made of either glass, steel or plastic. Bird feeding is like all other investments you make. It takes commitment and research to take care of lives. Common Types Perching - A perching feeder comes with a seed chamber at the center of the unit with multiple feeding ports. A common perching feeder is the tube type. These birds love white proso millet. Clinging - A clinging freestanding bird feeder is for clingers like nuthatches, chickadees, and woodpeckers. Their preference is to grab their food. A good clinging feeder is a suet feeder. Suet cakes can be added into it or compressed seeds that are glued together using non-toxic glue. Its durable construction is able to resist negative weather factors and many forms of damage caused by different birds. Its octagonal base provides good stability. It enchants with its ornate form, having a pedestal round base full of curves and swirls. We are in a winning position and we can offer them such a modern white, freestanding bird feeder, with a spherical open form of shimmering white. It will present you as an animal lover. It has been made of wood and stands on a platform. The feeder features a one year warranty and can be used in commercial areas. A bird feed house is an all-time must-have in every garden, so better have a pretty one This barn-style birdhouse has a removable plastic food tray inside. It has the robust poly-resin construction and the bronze effect. It features a simple plate where you can put the grains.

## Chapter 3 : Free Standing Bird Feeder - Foter

*Hi Sibley tells you how to make perfect bird houses and feeders for your winged friends. The plan covers from simplest of the type to one of the most detailed type of houses. The book covers most of the popular small projects that you can make to finish within a few hours.*

If so, here is a business plan that works. Have you seen those weathered wooden pallets stacked behind grocery stores, piled beside feed stores or next to the dumpster in your local lumber yard? Those pallets, your initiative, and the information that follows could mean money in your pocket for years to come. Pallets are often available free for the asking. There are two kinds of pallets—reusable and throw away. The reusable pallets are often made of oak, poplar, and occasionally maple. If there is a big stack of them, some stores will give these away free too. But the ones I like best are the throw away pallets made of pine, oak, or poplar wood. Birdhouses and bird feeders made from wood scavenged for free What you do is locate a stack of pallets and ask if you can help the business owner by hauling them off for free. Always get permission before you take pallets. I use a circular saw to dismantle the pallets, cutting the wood off the stringers and stacking it in a dry place. The 2 x 4 stringers can be cut in half and burned in your woodstove. Pallet wood is naturally weathered and looks like old barn siding. I use it to make simple, rustic birdhouses and bird feeders which I then sell at flea markets or wholesale to garden centers around town. The retailer usually resells them at double my price. After all, a birdhouse is a simple structure with seven basic parts—two sides, a front and back, a bottom, and two pieces for the top. I use a circular saw to do the initial cutting and a Delta inch bandsaw for the rest of the work. I can cut up enough pallets in one morning to make 40 or 50 birdhouses or feeders. Once the pallets are cut up and I have the wood stacked in my shop, I can make 4 or 5 birdhouses a day less than 8 hours. Once you have a bunch of birdhouses ready to sell, load them on the truck and head for the local gardening center. I prefer payment up front since I know I have a good product that people want. Birdhouses and bird feeders sell well at hardware stores, garden centers, larger grocery stores, craft stores, feed stores, and, sometimes, antique stores. The rustic pallet wood bird homes nicely complement antiques. Some people do not want rustic birdhouses. For them, I make birdhouses or feeders from number one pine and fir, maple, oak, and even mahogany which I also get free. In most areas, there are cabinet shops and wood working shops which throw away scrap wood in the dumpster. You can locate woodworking shops, cabinet shops, and other sources of free wood by using the Yellow Pages. I stop at these businesses and find the owner or manager. I explain that I putter around making birdhouses and ask permission to go through the dumpster for wood. I have never had anyone say no. They have to pay to have the dumpster emptied. Small pieces which the cabinet shop cannot use are perfect for birdhouses. A birdhouse business recycles material that would otherwise clog the landfill. And it provides income for us backwoods types who prefer not to work for someone else. An entrepreneurial type could make this a full-time business. Dumpster wood and pallet wood is also suitable for making shadow boxes, chicken or rabbit nesting boxes and book shelves. If I want bigger pieces of wood from the pallets for building wood fences and chicken sheds, I use a Milwaukee Sawzall to cut the nails so the pieces of wood are intact. It makes short work of pallets and I have larger pieces of wood for bigger projects. I figure it this way: Rustic pallet wood bird houses sell well at hardware stores, garden centers, craft and feed stores For a few weeks of work gathering and taking apart pallets, you can have enough wood for birdhouses. Enlist your wife or children and make it a family endeavor. If you are lucky enough to live in a tourist area, birdhouses are impulse buys that create vacation memories for years to come. They can also be sold at your roadside produce stand. Forstner bits make the cleanest cut. You can also make a rectangular entrance hole using your bandsaw. Rust only enhances the antique appearance. Old license tags also work as roofs. Takes just a few minutes and customers love it. Tack these to the side, front, and back. The aluminum lasts a long time and looks great. In my area, red Coke signs are the most popular. Metal bottle caps also make a colorful birdhouse decoration. Specialty beer bottle caps are the most colorful. They may buy several to display or resell. If you have access to driftwood, utilize that in your birdhouses and feeders. Additional sources of pallets and free wood 1. Motorcycle dealers, Crating around new bikes 2. Snowmobile dealers,

Crating around new machines 3. Major appliance dealers, Crating 4. Behind shopping centers New home sites Kitchen countertop makers Electrical supply houses Plumbing supply businesses Old barns, sheds, and houses Easy steps to making a beautiful birdhouse 1 Find and prepare pallet wood as described above. Be sure to make the front and back at the same time. This forms the A gable for the roof and gives you two pieces cut exactly the same. Sand any rough edges. Pine and poplar usually do not require pre-drilling. If you do not have a piece that wide, make one by nailing two pieces together. Lay them side by side and connect them with one-inch wood straps. Drive the nails clear through and then bend them over or snip them off. We should note here that if you want your birdhouse to have a front porch, you can make the bottom piece two or three inches longer than the birdhouse. This gives the birds a place to perch outside the nest. If you want to add a small woodpile, now is the time. Three pieces, two nailed to the porch floor and one nailed on top of the two, makes a nice looking woodpile. Making the roof 12 The roof should be as long as the bottom piece, so your bird porch has a roof, or just slightly longer so that it overhangs the entrance hole to keep out the rain. Or you can use just one piece on each side of the A gable. Pre-drill before you nail, making sure the roof piece is straight. Nail the second roof piece and your birdhouse is finished. Then I cut the trimmed branch and use it to make two rustic porch columns. I pre-drill and attach these with drywall screws, countersinking the hole. This makes a good, solid fit and is strong enough to be used as a handle when picking up the birdhouse. Nail bottlecaps or hand lettered signs, or colorful logos cut from aluminum cans to the sides, front, back, or top of your birdhouse. Use bright, vibrant colors for an art deco look or woodsy, subdued colors to blend with the natural surroundings. Look in books and decorator magazines for birdhouse ideas. Try your hand at bookshelves, shadow boxes, laying boxes for chickens, doghouses or what ever strikes your fancy. You can make a nice profit using the tools you already have. If you have to buy or borrow tools, you can still make enough birdhouses in a month to pay for the tools. As you get more proficient at woodworking, you might want to use your dumpster or pallet wood to make other craft items. Now that you have an almost inexhaustible supply of free wood, you can go as far as your enthusiasm and entrepreneurial ability will take you.

**Chapter 4 : Birdhouses and Feeders You Can Make : Complete Plans and Instructions for | eBay**

*Birdhouses and Feeders You Can Make: Complete Plans and Instructions for Bird-Friendly Nesting and Feeding Sites by Paul Gerhards A copy that has been read, but remains in clean condition.*

If you live in an area that has many birds, a couple of strategically placed feeders will allow you to view those pretty birds up close and personal. You can easily make one yourself. Most feeders take just a little time and very little money. Not only are these great for hanging on your own porch, they make the perfect gift for other wildlife lovers. With the holiday season quickly approaching, now is the time to get those DIY projects finished if you want to use them for gifts. If you are planning on giving someone a birdfeeder, why not make it yourself and make your gift extra special? We have collected a great list of DIY birdfeeders that will instantly beautify your porch or make the perfect gift. They are easy to make and are great for getting those birds to your property so that you can enjoy them.

**Plate and Bowl Birdfeeder** You can make a beautiful birdfeeder from a saucer and a matching bowl or a mismatched one if you prefer. You just have to drill a hole in the saucer and attach the two together. Ok, so it is a bit more complicated than that but not too complicated. This beautiful birdfeeder looks great and the saucer protects your birds from rain, sun and other weather elements, sort of like an umbrella. If you have a spare set, you can create a very unique feeder by gluing the teacup to the saucer sideways. It makes it look as if the bird food has spilled out of the cup. This is an adorable feeder and with a ribbon or string, you can hang it anywhere that you want to see pretty little birds. Note that you do need glue that has really good holding power. You just have to create a base and a small saucer works perfectly. Then just carefully drill holes in the sides of the bottles to allow the bird food to come through and hang. You can fill the bottles through the lid. You just have to add wire or rope to hang. You can buy metal chick feeders at any farm supply store and they are really inexpensive. You then just have to affix them to your mason jar and choose a way to hang it. These are really cute feeders and you can do different styles so that you have a little variety.

**Via Thegardenroofcoop Birdfeeders from Recycled Products** Honestly, whatever you have lying around the house could be turned into a birdfeeder. As long as you have a way to hang it or attach it to your outside wall, and it will hold bird food, you can create a birdfeeder. Even old license plates could be used to create a whimsical and really unique feeder that you will be proud to display and your birds will love the thought.

**Via Junkmarketstyle Shoe Feeder** You can even make a birdfeeder from an old shoe. If you are into whimsical and really unique things, why not nail a shoe to your tree and put your bird feed in there? Not only will the birds love you for feeding them, your neighbors are sure to think that you are the most creative person ever.

**Via Pinterest Originals Wooden Spoon Feeder** A plastic soda bottle and a couple of wooden spoons make a great birdfeeder. You just have to make holes in the bottle for the spoons and be sure that you angle the spoons downward so that the birdfeed will drizzle onto them. This is a really cute idea and a great project for the kids. You can paint or have the kids paint a cardboard milk carton and then just cut a hold for the feed. You may want to put a wooden dowel or even a wooden spoon through so that the birds have somewhere to land when they want to eat. These are really easy to make and are great for kids to do.

**Via Amandamedlin Teapot Feeder** An old teapot will make a really cute birdfeeder. Just attach the teapot to a tree or even the side of your house. You can use this for a feeder or a nester. Birds can get inside and build their nests so that you can see the babies when they are hatched. As a feeder, it works really well and is a really unique idea. If you use firewood in the winter, just one little log will do it. You just have to hollow out enough room for the food and then attach a chain to hang the log in your tree. Birds will love it because they will feel as if the tree itself is feeding them. You can create a little section in your garden for feeders and put them on poles to make them more decorate. Just attach teacups to saucers and then to the poles. These are great for sitting out in the yard and the more you put up, the more birds you will have to look at.

**Via Rockiescrafts Pinecone Feeders** Pinecone feeders are sort of traditional. You can spread them with peanut butter and then add birdseed or spread them with lard and add birdseed. Whatever you prefer, these are really easy to make and are great projects for the kids. Make several of them and decorate your outdoor trees with many little feeders. You just need a few scraps of wood and a glass-safe hanger. You can then sit inside your warm and

comfy house and watch the birds eat all day long. [Prev](#)Page 1 of 2 [Next](#) Article Navigation.

## Chapter 5 : Make an Easy DIY Bird Feeder for your garden

*Birdhouses & Feeders You Can Make has 7 ratings and 1 review. Robert said: This is a well constructed book about building functional birdhouses and feeders.*

It provides birds with additional nesting opportunities and gives you unparalleled bird watching opportunities. There are a tremendous variety of nest boxes designs. They come in all sizes and materials. Size of Nest Box Matters If the box is too small, the birds will not use it or it may become so crowded as the young grow. They may not be injured, but a crowded box is hard for the adults to keep clean and it is more difficult for chicks to stay cool. It is possible that young are forced to fledge prematurely. Some believe that larger boxes help the birds exercise more, so they are more capable of flying when they fledge. If the box is too large, the birds may not use it because it is too vulnerable to predators or it may attract too much attention or be difficult to support. Bird House Roof Every nest box needs a roof though many natural cavities are open on top. Our choices are fairly simple. Flat or a sloping; overhang or flush. It appears that in most cases there are lots of nest box designs that 1 inch overlap on the sides and 2 inch overlap in the front is adequate for protecting the occupants from the elements rain and increasing the boxes longevity by keeping the box dry. Another main function of the roof is to provide shade for nest boxes that are exposed to the Sun, especially in warm climates. So the roof should be sloped to help water runoff as close to 45 degrees as possible , and it should be overlapped to let water drip away from the box and to provide more shade. If you plan to place your box in the open bluebirds for example in a warm area, you should consider a double roof to keep the box cooler. The two roofs should be spaced to allow air to circulate between them. It has also been suggested that a second side wall be added to also shade the west side of the box. Front of Nest Box Most nest box plans have a perpendicular face, but recently, several designs have a sloping front. Round, Oval or Slot? One hole or two? Believe it or not, several bird house designs have more than one hole. A second hole may prevent the strongest chick from dominating access at the entrance hole. Also, if predators or house sparrows get in the nest, at least the adults have a chance to escape through the second hole. If ventilation is an issue, the second hole also acts as a big vent. Well, at least I have convinced myself Disadvantages - May allow easier access by predators and weather rain. Some of the research seems to indicate that Bluebirds are attracted to the oval hole more than the Peterson box shape. There are conflicting data about the slot hole design and access for house sparrows. Some say the slot entrance discourages house sparrows and others have found that house sparrows readily use them. If you have trouble with squirrels, then make sure you install a hole guard or restrictor to prevent squirrels from chewing the entrance hole larger. Squirrels will kill and eat nestlings if they get access. I guess we could use the recycled plastic material that is being used for decks and fences. Nest boxes can also be made from PVC pipe or plastic buckets, but those are different plans to be covered later. What Kind of Wood? Those types of wood will last a long time, but they can be expensive. Hardwoods will last longer than soft woods, but they can also be expensive. Treated or Untreated Wood for Nest Boxes? Treated wood softwood will last longer. But is treated wood safe to use for bird houses? The EPA website says treated wood is safe to use in vegetable gardens and on picnic tables, but it is not safe to use on cutting boards, counter tops or bee hives. This material was stopped from use in residential construction in , Canada. US EPA Fact Sheet I have seen web sites that claim treated wood releases "dangerous fumes" and should not be used when making bird houses. They do not cite the source of this information. Another website says that only untreated wood should be used in case the birds "gnaw" on the wood. Except for parrots, birds are not generally known for gnawing, but they do peck at the wood That is how woodpeckers and chickadees excavate their nest cavities. The Purple Martin Conservation Organization recommends: Conclusion About Using Treated Wood Since birds are well known to be very sensitive to environmental pollutants remember the canary in the coal mine? Only use untreated wood. Nest Boxes can be made from solid wood stock, plywood, bark slabs or solid logs Many of the nest boxes I built in the past were made of plywood, because I always had scraps of plywood handy. Many plans recommend using plywood exterior grade plywood and some even preserve the wood with spar varnish. Nest boxes can also be built by using exterior slabs slab lumber that still have the outside tree bark when the

tree is sawn up to make lumber. Birdhouses from Logs Solid logs can also be hollowed when making bird houses. I have done this by first splitting the log, then hollowing out each side, drilling an entrance hole, then joining the two halves back together with wood glue and screws. The log bird house pictured on the right was not split, but hollowed out. Follow the link below for the complete plans: When making bird houses, the thickness of the stock determines the thermal insulation of the next box. It can get cold in the Spring and always gets hot in the Summer sun. A one inch thick box will protect eggs and young from temperature extremes more than a half-inch thick box. Thicker stock is also heavier and more expensive than thinner stock, but it will also create a sturdier box if constructed properly. Any stock thickness between one-half in up to one inch should be acceptable for a nest box. If your area is notorious for cold nights in the Spring or if your nest box is to be placed in full sun with no shade , you may want to go with thicker stock or to provide more shade, use two layers of thin stock with spacers between them for roof and west side. Smooth or Rough Wood for Nest Box? We all like the feel of a smooth sanded wood, but the truth is, the birds benefit from a rough surface. A rough surface helps the adults to cling to the side of the box when bringing the nesting material and when feeding the young. It also helps the young scramble out of the box when it is time to go. Rough up or score the wood inside the hole so the chicks can scramble out. Many Wood Duck plans recommend that a "ladder" be made from welded wire or scored into the wood. Perch or no Perch on Nest Box? We recommend not putting a perch on your bird houses. Here is a Bird House Dimensions Chart for 34 species. It is important to design the right type of bird house for different species of birds. We will be expanding our "Making Bird Houses" page as we further our research as well adding pages for specific bird house plans. Enjoy making your bird house and the birds that make them their home!

### Chapter 6 : Making Bird Houses - Plans, Construction Tips

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### Chapter 7 : bird houses, feeders you can make - Indiana State Library

*If you really love birds, but you are really on a budget then this birdhouse is for you. Or if you really love birds but are really into upcycling then, again, this birdhouse is for you. And all you need is a jug of milk to drink and you can practically have a birdhouse once you have finished it off.*

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*One of the easiest bird feeders you can make yourself is the pine cone feeder, which only requires a pine cone, something to attach the feeder to a tree (a pipe cleaner, wire or string), peanut butter and bird seed.*

### Chapter 9 : Homemade Birdhouses And Feeders

*6. Rustic branch and mesh bird feeder. Have you been careful to build yourself quite a rustic aesthetic in all aspects of your home, so you're looking for something natural looking and wooden, but a concept that you can make without having any knowledge of actual woodworking?*