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Cookie Cutter Bird Seed Feeders

- 2/3 cup of boiling water
- 2 packets of gelatine (a box has 4)
- 2 cups of bird seed
- parchment or wax paper
- cookie cutters or silicone moulds
- straws cut into 2 inch pieces

Pour the water into a very large mixing bowl. Add two packages of gelatine and stir until it's fully dissolved. Add the bird seed and mix well until everything is evenly coated.

Place cookie cutters/moulds onto a parchment-lined tray and scoop seed mixture in until heaping full. Place another piece of parchment on top of the cookie cutters and press down firmly to pack in all of the seeds. Remove the top parchment layer and gently poke straw pieces all the way through the seed shapes (be sure not to put them too close to the edges). Pop the tray into the fridge for a couple of hours to allow the feeders to set.

Later on, remove the tray from the fridge and let sit on the counter to dry out. Flip the cookie cutters over a few hours later to let the bottoms dry out too. Let sit for at least 3 – 4 more hours (overnight is best) until the feeders are completely dry.

Gently remove the seed shapes from the moulds (they should be fully dry and hard to the touch at this point – if not, allow to dry longer). Carefully remove the straws and tie a twine loop through the holes. Hang in a tree.