

# Project Planner

## Build a Wooden Bird Feeder

A bird feeder is a big draw to your yard or garden. While you can buy a premade bird feeder, making one yourself can be a fun family project. Here are the steps:

- Step 1: *Choose a location.* Make sure the feeder will be visible from inside your home. The feeder should be high enough (at least 6 feet up) and far enough away from any other structures to keep animals from jumping on the feeder. The ideal place is on a freestanding post in the middle of your yard.
- Step 2: *Choose your wood.* Use treated wood, teak or cedar to build your feeder. These are ideal because of their resistance to weather and pest infestation.
- Step 3: *Start cutting.* Begin by cutting end panels from your boards using a table saw. Create grooves in the outside edges of the panels. Cut two pieces for the roof.
- Step 4: *Assemble the bird feeder.* Piece together the sides and bottom of the bird feeder using wood glue and wood screws or nails. Attach strips to form the lip along the base using a hammer and nails. Secure the post to the bottom of the feeder using a screwdriver and a 4" wood screw. Slide the acrylic pieces into the grooves on the end panels. Attach hinges to the smaller roof piece using a screwdriver. Attach the larger roof panel to the feeder using wood glue and nails. Attach the hinges of the small roof piece to the large roof piece.
- Step 5: *Hang the bird feeder.* Use a small spade or post-hole digger to dig a hole 1 foot deep. Place the end of the post into the hole and refill until the post is secure and upright. Then hang your feeder and enjoy!

For more details go to [gardenplace.com](http://gardenplace.com)



### What you'll need:

- Post
- Treated wood, teak or cedar
- Table saw
- Acrylic sheeting
- Wood glue
- Wood screws
- Hammer and nails
- Power drill
- Hinges
- Screwdriver and 4" wood screw
- Small spade or post-hole digger
- Birdseed or sunflower seeds