



## Toilet Roll Bird Feeder

### Materials Needed:

- ❖ Empty toilet roll holder, kitchen paper holder or compostable cardboard cups
- ❖ Butter - Unsalted butter, suet, tahini, coconut butter, nut butters
- ❖ Seeds & nuts
- ❖ Table knife or spoons for spreading the butter
- ❖ Plate or baking tray
- ❖ String & scissors



### Instructions

1. Gather your materials together and set up outside, if possible, but inside works too.
2. Place a layer of seeds & nuts onto your plate or baking tray. A baking tray works well to contain the mess. You can use seeds and nuts from your cupboard at home if you don't have bird seed. Chop larger nuts up so that smaller birds can manage them easily.
3. Spread the butter on the outside of the cardboard holders using a knife or spoon. Kids will love getting hands on with this so, roll up the sleeves, and get stuck in. Margarine and cooked oils and fats are not recommended for the birds.
4. Roll the buttered cardboard holders in the seeds and nuts.
5. Loop the string through the cardboard tube and hang it from a tree, bush, large shrub in your garden or nearby green space. You can also slip the feeders directly onto a branch.
6. Observe the visitors to your feeder and the different types of behaviour the birds display. Kids can keep a journal of the visiting birds. They could also take a picture of the birds and then visit [BirdwatchIreland.ie](http://BirdwatchIreland.ie) to identify them. Dispose of the used feeders carefully and Leave No Trace.

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