



# BIRDFEEDER

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## LEARNING OBJECTIVE

Use a combination of recycled and natural materials to make a take-home birdfeeder for your local feathered friends!

## JEWISH FRAMING

Tza'ar Ba'alei Chayim: Preventing the Suffering of Living Creatures

- In Judaism, treating animals with respect and kindness is very important. Some of our most important biblical heroes, like Jacob and Moses, were shepherds who treated their animals with love and care. Rebecca was chosen as a wife for Isaac because of her significant kindness to animals.
- Kosher practices of slaughtering are designed to be as fast and painless as possible. Hunting is avoided because of the pain it can cause.
- If Jews have domestic animals and pets, they are commanded to feed their pets before they feed themselves.

Mystical birds: In some Jewish folklore, birds were thought to possess supernatural knowledge because of their position in the sky.

// *And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for food: and it was so. And God saw everything that s(he) had made and behold it was very good.*

— Bereshit, Genesis 1:30-31



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## MATERIALS

*(Quantities should be adjusted based on the number of people expected to participate)*

- Spool of thin, but malleable wire – pipe cleaners also work well
- Wire cutters
- Bags of string-able cereal (e.g. Cheerios)
- Bag of raisins or other soft, dried fruit, or fresh fruit
- 3 pre-made samples of birdfeeders so people can see what they are making

## INSTRUCTIONS

- 1** Cut a piece of wire about 18 inches long.
- 2** String raisins and cereal on 10-12 inches of the wire.
- 3** Bend the wire however you like (circle, heart, curly cue, etc.), leaving 6 inches or so for hanging, consider making a loop at the top.
- 4** Hang outside and see what birds come for a nibble!

