

A Gift for the Birds

A seed basket made from a grapefruit half and a piece of yarn is one of the easiest feeders to make.

- **Cut a grapefruit in half and scoop out the pulp.**
- **Take one of the grapefruit halves and poke a hole in either side with the point of a paring knife.**
- **Cut a piece of yarn about a foot long, and push the ends of the yarn through the holes on either side of the grapefruit.**
- **Knot the ends to form a handle for your basket.**
- **Fill the basket with birdseed.**
- **To attract cardinals, titmice, nuthatches and chickadees, try black oil sunflower seeds.**

Whole corn kernels are a favorite of jays, mourning doves, and juncos.

- **Hang the seed basket from a tree in your backyard, or some other location where you can see which birds come to visit.**

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