

# Birdseed Ornaments

## **Note:**

1) To keep birds safe and prevent the spread of disease, it's always smart to take away and dispose of any waste seed left on the ground.

2) It's only safe to have gelatin involved in bird ornaments in the winter, when temperatures will prevent it from getting moldy and/or melting.



## *Materials needed to complete project*

### Included in kit:

- 1 Tablespoon unflavored gelatin
- 1 long thread of twine (cut into smaller pieces per ornament you make)
- 2 cups birdseed
- 1 sheet of parchment paper
- 1 sheet of aluminum

### Not included in kit:

- Mixing spoon
- Bowl
- Cookie sheet
- Scissors
- Cookie cutters (make your own out of aluminum: <https://www.mybluprint.com/article/diy-cookie-cutters> )
- Water
- Container for boiling water

## *Instructions:*

1. Empty bag of unflavored gelatin into a bowl, mix in 1/2 cup cold water.
2. Pour 1/2 cup of boiling water into the bowl.
3. Stir the mixture with a spoon until the gelatin has dissolved.
4. Pour two cups of birdseed into the bowl. Stir the mixture until the birdseed is well-coated.
5. Place a piece of parchment paper on a cookie sheet, then arrange 3–4 cookie cutters on top of the parchment. Note: putting a little oil on the cookie cutters before putting the birdseed on will help get them out easier!
6. Use a small spoon to scoop the birdseed mixture into the cookie cutters until they are half full.

7. Place a loop of untreated hemp twine in the middle of each cookie cutter. Fill the cookie cutter the rest of the way with the birdseed mixture. Use a small piece of parchment paper to pack down the birdseed with your hands. The parchment will prevent the mixture from sticking to your hands.
8. Allow the gelatin birdseed ornaments to set and dry for about 24 hours.
9. When the birdseed is set, gently pop the ornaments out of the cookie cutters, then hang outside.