**A Bird Food Cake**

If you find yourselves indoors and looking for something to keep you busy, why not be kind to your feathered neighbours and make a treat for your garden birds.

**You will need:**
- Equal quantities of lard and wild bird seed mix
- Any extra of the following: fresh peanuts (not toasted, roasted or salted), sunflower seeds, stale cake crumbs, cheese crumbs, raisins, dried meal worms, seeds from dock, thistle, stinging nettle, knapweed, teal or ragwort collected from the wilder parts of your garden.
- Old yoghurt pot
- Ball of string
- Scissors
- Twig or lollypop stick

**STEP 1**
With a pencil, carefully make a small hole in the base of a yoghurt pot.

**STEP 2**
Cut a length of string at least 35 cm long then tie the lollipop or stick to one end of the string. Thread the string through the hole in the yoghurt pot the lollipop stick. Leave enough string so that you can tie the pot to a tree.

**STEP 3**
Place the lard in a saucepan and melt over a gentle heat.

**STEP 4**
Put the bird seed into a bowl and pour over the melted lard.

**STEP 5**
Next add the extras that make it even tastier for your garden birds. At this point you could split your basic mix into several different bowls and add different extras to offer variety to your garden visitors.

**STEP 6**
Add your mixture into the yoghurt pots, make sure the string is pulled tight through the yoghurt pot full of mixture. The lollipop stick should be across the end of the yoghurt pot.

**STEP 7**
Once the mixture is set slip the yoghurt pot off the top and hang it off a tree in your garden or perhaps off the edge of your bird table.

Now sit back and wait for the visitors to your garden to make the most of the treats outside.

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