

Hummingbird Dripper

Like all birds, hummingbirds like to bathe, but you won't find them at a traditional birdbath. Because they have delicate feathers they prefer moving water like from a mister, sprinkler or dripper, or a much shallower source. They will even bathe in the water droplets that collect on leaves!

The good news is that you don't need to head to the hardware to buy a fancy mister or sprinkler for your yard. If you've got an empty juice bottle you can make dripper for the busy hummingbirds and other wildlife in your yard.



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You will need an adult to help you find and use the following:

- 1 plastic jug or bottle, clean, empty and with labels removed
- craft wire, twine, ribbon, strips of cloth
- 1 straight pin or fine-gauge needle
- Scissors
- Paint or markers (optional)

Now that you've got all the materials you are ready to begin!

1. This step is optional but will add a decorative touch to your dripper. You can paint the plastic jug or bottle and let it dry before moving on to step 2.

2. Using the straight pin or needle, make two holes in the plastic jug or bottle. One at the top for air flow and one at the bottom for the water to drip. Make the smallest holes possible. A thumbtack might seem like a good option to create the holes but it will cause the water to flow out quickly.

3. Fill the jug or plastic bottle with clean water.

4. Hang the dripper using the wire or twine or whatever material you have on hand. But keep in mind it should be strong enough to hold the container of water. You can hang it on a tree or any location that is shaded from sun and wind.

Don't forget to clean the dripper and refill with water as needed



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