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Jelly Jar Humming Bird Feeder

In your kit:

- 1 Ball jelly jar
- 1 plastic top for lid
- Red wire
- Assorted Beads

What you'll need:

- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Sugar/Water to make humming bird food



Step 1: Remove Band and Lid

Remove the original band and lid from the Mason jar. The lid will not be used for this project, just the screw on band.

Step 2: Make New Lid

Hummingbirds have a heightened sensitivity to warm, bright colors and have been known to prefer red the most when seeking a snack. Using a red accent will help attract hummingbirds to your feeder. To make the new lid, hold the original lid down on the red plastic folder and trace a circle around it. Use scissors to cut out the circle and punch equally-spaced holes in the center.

Step 3: Attach Red Wire to hang feeder

Your kit has about 4 feet of red wire. You will unroll wire, and determine the 1/2 way mark. From the 1/2 mark of your wire, twist 2-3 times around top of neck of jar, secure both wires by twisting. Taking one of the wires, twist it half way around jar and carefully maneuver the end under the other wire. You're going to do this twice, kind of like tying the wire in place to form the second hanging wire.

Step 4: Attach fun beads

Now is the fun part! Your kit has an assortment of beads. Use your imagination and thread them to give the feeder some bling, bling! You're bedazzling your feeder. You can use a pencil to make curly q's and add beads. Embellish however you wish! After



your beads are on, you can determine the length of the hanging part of the feeder. Scissors can easily cut through this wire.

Step 5: Make Hummingbird Nectar

In a small saucepan, bring 2 cups of water to a boil. Add ½ cup of sugar and stir until dissolved. Keep it simple at a ratio of four parts water to one part sugar, and refrain from adding dyes or sweeteners. Let the nectar cool. After your feeder is filled, you can store the leftover nectar in the refrigerator. Make sure you wash/clean the jar between fillings as it will become moldy if not cleaned properly.

Visit Maine Audubon <https://maineaudubon.org> to learn more about hummingbirds.