

# **February is BIRD FEEDING MONTH!**

MWR introduces you to fun ideas on how to make a bird feeder! Come by the Fleet Recreation Center on Feb. 3 during regular hours of operation to pick up a DIY unfinished wood birdhouse. Assemble it and decorate it as you like. (Supplies are limited). 081-5688357 or DSN 626-8357



# Milk Carton Birdhouse



Milk carton makes a great house for a small bird. You will need to make sure the carton stays safe outside, so you will need some coating to protect it from the elements.

Here is what you need for a large, sturdy milk carton;

- Scissors
- Glue
- Acrylic paint, crayons, etc.
- Washi tape, felt, recycled scraps of colored paper, etc.

#### See examples on how to make the bird house

# Example: How to Make the Birdhouse





1. Draw outline for an opening with pen or marker.

**2.** Have an adult help cut out the opening.



3. Turn carton to the side and draw outline for a wing-shaped flap. Cut along outline, leaving top of wing intact.



4. Rotate carton once and repeat steps 1–2.





5. Repeat step 3 to complete final side of carton.

6. Paint beak, wings, and bird body. Dry 1–2 hours and add second coat.



7. Draw details with markers or paint.



8. Hole punch top of carton. Feed twine through hole and tie ends into a knot.



9. Pour bird seeds into openings.



10. Hang outside to feed your feathered friends during the cold winter months.