

Tube-Style Birdfeeder

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This simple tube-style bird feeder uses pepper as bird seed, and can be easily adapted to become a hummingbird feeder!

What You'll Need:

- 1⁵/₁₆" eyelet, grommet or rivet (⁵/₁₆" refers to the size of the opening)
- 1 plastic and metal earring back
- 1 pc. ¼" clear tubing cut to 1½" long
- 2 pcs. 22 gauge wire cut to ⁹/₁₆" long
- 1 pc. 26 gauge wire cut to ⁹/₁₆" long
- Coarse ground pepper
- Aleene's Fast Grab Tacky Glue
- Strong pin or needle
- Small piece of tinfoil
- Optional: Glossy acrylic paint, in color of your choice, to paint the metal parts of the birdfeeder



Remove the pin or needle, and insert the remaining piece of 22 gauge wire through the tubing as in Step 1.

3. Cover one open end of the tubing with a small, round piece of tinfoil. Glue in place.

4. Glue covered end of tubing into the eyelet. Set aside to dry.

5. Insert the piece of 26 gauge wire through the hole in the earring back so that it is sticking out evenly on both sides. Bend the wire coming out of the bottom of the earring back so the wire can't pull out. Bend the wire coming out of the top of the earring back so it can be used to hang your birdfeeder.

6. Glue a little coarse ground pepper onto the eyelet.

7. Pour a little more ground pepper into the tubing and shake gently so it settles.

8. Glue earring back onto the top of the tubing. Make sure it is centered.

9. Your feeder is ready to hang on a bracket on your front porch or from a shepherd's hook (made out of heavy wire and painted black) in one of your garden scenes.

This feeder can also be modified to become a hummingbird feeder. Shorten the tube, and add a red painted top and bottom. Roosting pegs aren't necessary. Add very small, yellow clay flowers around the eyelet on the bottom and replace the pepper with glue that's been mixed with a little red food coloring. When it dries, it will resemble hummingbird nectar. ■



With a few changes, the feeder welcomes hummingbirds.

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1. Using the strong pin or needle, pierce the clear plastic tubing horizontally ½" from the end of the tubing. Remove the pin or needle and insert one piece of 22 gauge wire through the tubing so it is sticking out evenly on

both sides. This forms your first set of roosting pegs.

2. For the second set of roosting pegs, pierce the clear plastic tubing horizontally and perpendicular to the first roosting pegs ½" from the other end of the tubing.