

How-To Make an Edible Birdhouse

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SUPPLIES NEEDED:

Wooden Birdhouse

Edible Glue Recipe:

1 small pack Gelatin

3 Tbsp Corn syrup

3/4 cup Flour

1/2 cup Hot water

Mixing Bowl/cup

Foam brush/Popsicle sticks

Bird seeds

Other edible decoration.

This DIY can be a bit messy so have a big tray/plate under to work on or a plastic table cover.

Optional:

Gather some nuts, dried berries, small pine cones, pine stalks, twine, sweetgum tree balls, etc. as decor & a Hot Glue Gun.

*****Just make sure it won't harm the birds and other creatures.*****

Edible Birdhouse

Make Edible Glue:

1. Pour 1/2 cup of hot water and dissolve gelatin in a small bowl/cup.
2. Add corn syrup & mix.
3. Slowly add flour *a little bit at a time*, mixing well each time until you reach a thick "glue" consistency.

**Tip: If too thick, add hot water. - If too watery, add flour.*

**Glue stays workable for about 35-45 min. before it starts to harden.*

Continue to mix occasionally. If it hardens, simply add drops of hot water.

Birdseed Decoration:

4. Place a big tray, plate, or bowl under your work area.

Looking at your available supply of bird food and decor, decide how you want to design your birdhouse.

5. Working in sections (*one panel at a time working from the top, sides, then front & back*) spread an even layer of edible glue, making sure there are no missed spots then place/sprinkle your chosen bird food and press down.

**Tip: Try to keep your fingers clean & dry from the edible glue by using a popsicle stick to press down/make your design.*

6. Let it completely dry before hanging.

7. Optional: Non-Edibles

Decide how you want to upgrade and beautify your birdhouse.

Use a hot glue gun to glue your nonedible decorations. Use sparingly and make sure to get rid of any and all of those thin hot glue gun strings.

Enjoy!

Whenever your birdhouse is looking a little drab, it may be time for a renovation. Simply brush off any old remaining edibles & repeat the process to replenish and spruce up your birdhouse again.



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