

How To Make A Teacup Bird Feeder

Here's what you need to make your own teacup bird feeder: *(affiliate links below to products I use and recommend)*

- an old teacup and saucer
- ceramic glue (*I recommend either E6000 craft adhesive or DAP clear silicone adhesive*)
- twine
- birdseed
- a bird feeder hanger (*this is the one we bought, and I love it; it's squirrel proof!*)



Start by gluing the teacup to the saucer. Place a line of glue on the teacup from the rim to the bottom, exactly opposite the handle. Then, holding the teacup by the handle, press the cup down into the saucer. Make sure the cup is at the back half of the saucer so there is room for the birdseed to “spill out” in front of the cup.



Both E6000 craft adhesive and DAP clear silicone adhesive are nice and thick, and the cup will probably stand up on its own after about a minute. But if it starts to tip over, just prop it up while the glue dries. Double check the instructions, but these adhesives usually take about an hour or two to really dry.

Once the adhesive is dry, it's time to hang your teacup bird feeder! If you pick up the teacup by the handle, and the saucer hangs nice and flat, then this part is super easy: just tie a piece of twine around the handle and hang it from a tree or a bird feeder hanger. If you pick up the teacup by the handle and the saucer is tipped one way or the other, don't worry! You can still hang it perfectly flat, it will just take a little more twine and glue. 😊

Start by cutting three long pieces of twine, about two feet long. Knot all three strands together near one end, then glue the knot onto the bottom of the saucer, right in the middle. Make sure you spread out the three strands a little before gluing the knot down.



Then pull all three strands out to the sides of the saucer, making sure they are as evenly spaced as possible. Glue these strands down onto the saucer near the rim. If you want, you can use a dot of hot glue to temporarily tack the twine to the saucer and hold it in place while the adhesive dries. Hot glue will hold the twine pretty firmly in place, but I would still use the other ceramic adhesive as well. I don't trust the hot glue to hold the weight of the cup and saucer and birdseed, and I'm not sure it would hold up all that well after being outside for a while.



Once the glue on the saucer is dry, take the three strands of twine and gather them above the teacup, holding the weight of the teacup and saucer. Adjust the three strands until the saucer hangs perfectly level, then tie the three strands together in a knot above the teacup.



Now go hang your teacup bird feeder outside! Hang it from a tree or a bird feeder hanger, adding more twine if you need it to hang lower. Once your teacup is hanging, add some birdseed, then stand back and enjoy the birds!