

Medway Valley Countryside Partnership Family Outdoor Education Pack

Activity: Hoop Bird Feeders

Kit needed: twine, thin garden wire, apple, cheese, raisins, knife and wire cutters

Group/ family size: 1+

Age Group: 4+

Location: Garden

Learning about: Garden birds and their diet

Instructions:

Under adult supervision use the wire cutters to cut a piece of wire that is big enough to fold round into a hoop shape then use the knife to cut your cheese and apple into small cubes and pieces

Thread your cut pieces and raisins onto the wire and twist the wire round to form a hoop, make sure you leave a gap at the top

Use your twine/string to tie the wire into a hoop and hang your hoop up outside where cats and dogs cannot reach

Additional comments:

- This activity requires adult supervision when using tools and promotes hand eye co ordination development in children
- You can use other ingredients such as; cooked pasta, pears, boiled potatoes, meal worms and waxworms
- Be careful with your chosen ingredients as sultanas, raisins and grapes are toxic to dogs
- Make sure you give your wire a clean when you replace the pieces to avoid transmission of bird diseases

