

# MISSION CONSERVATION ACTIVITY GUIDE

January 2026 – Feathered Friends

Hello agents! This month's theme for Mission Conservation is Feathered Friends! We love birds here at Wonders of Wildlife. Birds are an important part of the global ecosystem. They also make up some of nature's coolest creatures. From penguins and peacocks to hummingbirds and herons. Today we're going to learn about making homemade birdfeeders, as well as a craft that helps us learn how bird nests are made!

## Outdoor Activity: Make your own birdfeeder



Don't get us wrong, a lot of storebought birdfeeders are great! However, if you have some of this stuff just lying around the house, why not just make your own? Birdfeeders are very helpful, especially in winter, where food for many native bird species can be hard to come by.

### **Materials:**

- Bowl filled with bird seed.
- Peanut Butter or Crisco.
- String.
- Scissors.
- Pinecones.
- Knife for spreading.

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## Procedure:

1. Tie a string to your pinecone. Make sure you have enough where you can tie a knot on the end like a necklace.



2. Use a butter knife to spread the Crisco or the peanut butter on the pinecone.



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- While you're more likely to have peanut butter at home, Crisco is a solid option if you're around those with peanut allergies.

3. Roll the pinecone in seeds.

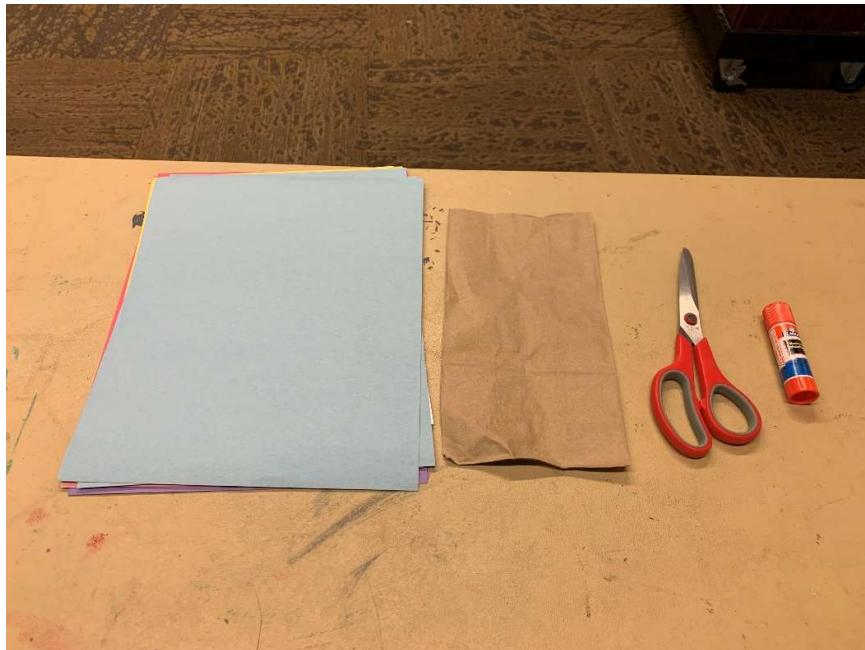


4. Tie the string, and now you're ready to hang it on a tree!

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## Indoor Activity: Make your own bird nest.



Many of the birds we know and love make nests. Usually, these nests will include things like leaves, twigs, and other sturdy materials they find in their environment. Let's see if you can make a nest using a paper bag and some construction paper!

### **Materials:**

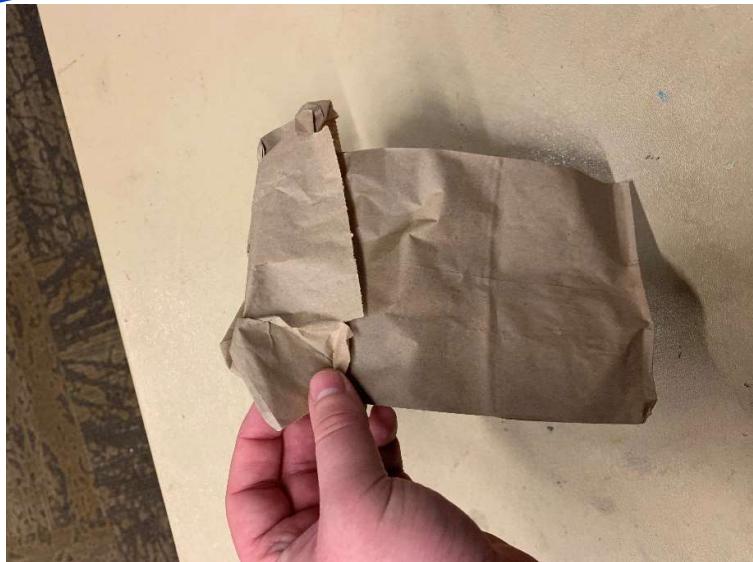
- Scissors
- Paper Bag
- Construction Paper
- Glue (glue stick works best)
- Coloring Utensils (optional).

### **Procedure:**

1. Start folding your bag inside out starting from the open side.
  - a. This is the part where tearing is the easiest, so don't be afraid to take it slow.

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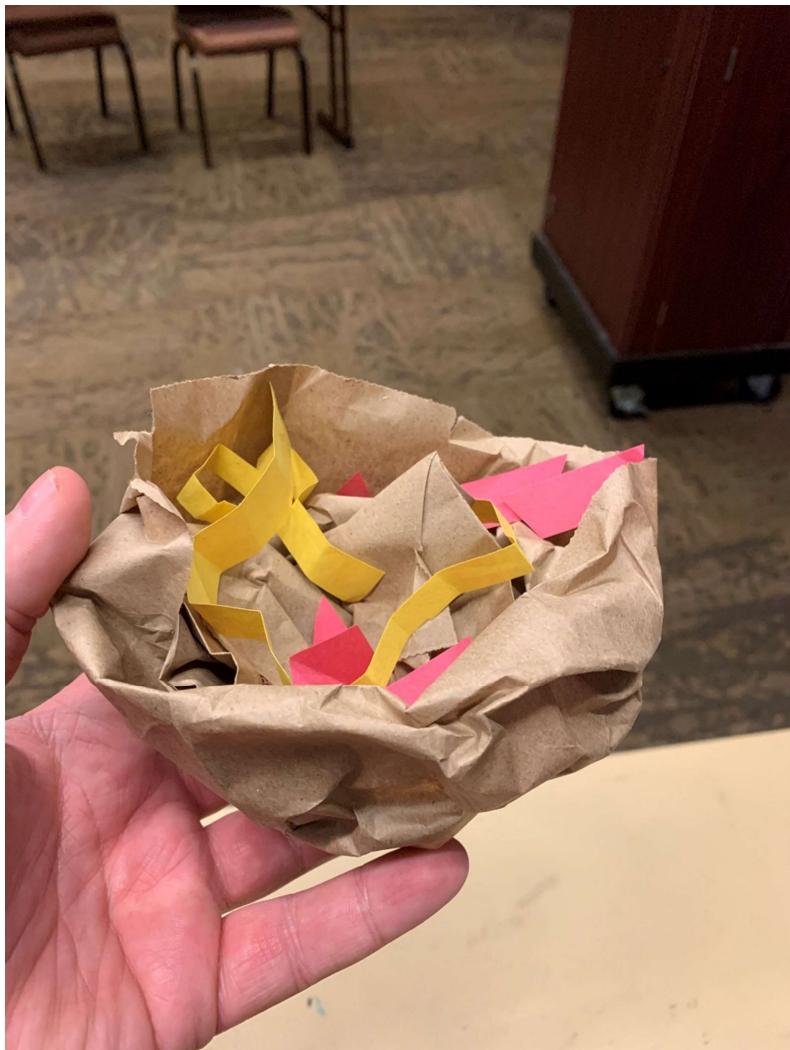
2. Keep going until the bag is fully inside out, then fold it in until it makes a nest.



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3. Cut or tear up construction paper to add some color to your nest!
  - a. You can also color it with a coloring utensil if you'd like. Markers work best.



We hope you enjoyed the activity guide this month! Don't forget to check out the at-home mission for this month! To see a list of our other missions, or to learn more about Wonders of Wildlife, visit us at <https://wondersofwildlife.org/mission-conservation/>.