

## Feathered friends' FAT POTS

*Pots full of lard and seed....what more could a bird wish for?*

### WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

- Block of lard (one block makes 5 individual plastic juice sized pots)
- Plastic juice glasses/small plastic plant pots/yoghurt cartons or similar (1 per person)
- Garden Bird Seed (best quality available), and/or dried fruit, leftover cake
- Mixing bowl, knife, scissors and string
- Washing -up liquid to 'loosen' the fat when washing hands—optional!
- Pipe cleaners (3 per person)
- Pen which writes on plastic e.g. Sharpie



**Step 1.** Pierce a hole in the bottom of the pot (old plant pots will have a drainage hole). Cut a 50cm length of string, Feed string through hole and tie in a knot, leaving a length to tie onto a branch.

**Step 2.** Slice block of lard into 5 pieces. Using the bowl, gunge up a piece of lard into a soft broken mess.



**Step 3.** Using 1 part lard to 2 parts seed/ dried fruit/cake, mix thoroughly using your hands.

All the dry material should be mixed evenly throughout the lard.



**Step 4.** Form a ball of the combined lard and seed, then squash into the pot already tied with string.



Hang pots where cats cannot lie in wait to ambush but where there is shrubby cover nearby for birds to dart to if required.

Do not make/feed home made fat balls during summer months as the lard (fat) will quickly become rancid. Try some bird spotting !