

You'll need to be patient once you've hung your feeder as it may take some time for the birds to find it.



Resene Clover

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DUAL BIRD FEEDER

Put an empty wine bottle to good use with this feeder that can cater for a range of New Zealand garden birds.

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YOU WILL NEED

Materials

- 140mm x 19mm kwila decking timber in the following lengths:
 - 180mm for the base
 - 380mm for the back
 - 350mm (x2) for the sides
 - 200mm (x2) for the roof
 - 120mm (x2) for the supports
 - 300mm for the base trim
- Energy cake holders (x2)
- Energy cakes (x2)
- Lightweight rope
- Resene testpot (we used Resene Clover)
- Ring hooks (x2)
- Screws
- Wild bird seed
- Wine bottle (clean and label removed)

Tools

- Clamps
- Drill
- Funnel
- Hole saw
- Paintbrush
- Pencil
- Saw
- Tape measure

Our wine bottle measured 300mm high, but if yours is a different height you may need to adjust the timber lengths to suit.

Step 1 Cut one end off each of the roof lengths at 30 degrees, sloping down to the ribbed side, as shown.

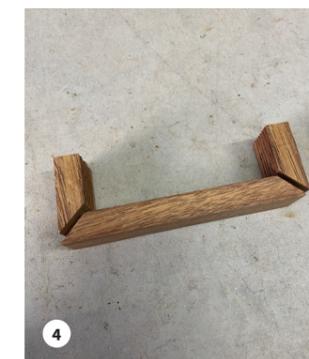
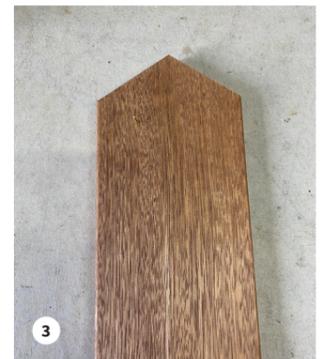
Step 2 Cut one end off each of the side lengths at 30 degrees, sloping down to the smooth side, as shown.

Step 3 Make a mark at the centre of one of the short edges of the back board. Cut both corners off at 60 degrees using the mark as your starting point.

Step 4 Cut the length of timber for the base trim down to a 40mm strip and then into three pieces: two 60mm and one 180mm. Make 45-degree cuts at the ends so that they will join as shown.

Step 5 Stand the back board on the base and then place the side panels in place with the ribbed sides facing in. Clamp into position and screw together (ensure you drill pilot holes first).

Step 6 Using a hole saw slightly bigger than the base of your bottle, cut a hole out of the centre of one of the supports. Repeat for the second support using a hole saw the size of the neck. Cut from each side of the smaller hole to the edge of the wood to create a 'U' shape.





Step 7 Screw both supports in at the correct height for your bottle, starting with the lower support first. When the bottle is resting on the lower support you should have about 1cm between the bottle opening and the base, and the bottle should be held in at the top by the upper support but still be able to slot in and out of the front of the feeder.

Step 8 Screw the three base trim pieces into position along the front of the base.

Step 9 Screw the roof onto the feeder.

Step 10 Apply two coats of Resene Clover to the roof, allowing each coat to dry.

Step 11 Attach a ring hook on each side of the back of the feeder, near the top. Make sure both hooks are at the same height.

Step 12 Screw two screws three-quarters of the way in on each side board, 260mm up from the base, so you can hang your energy cake holders.

Step 13 Place an energy cake into each holder and use a funnel to fill the wine bottle with bird seed. Cover the wine bottle with your finger to stop seed spilling out and slot the bottle in place.

Step 14 Find a secure spot to hang your feeder (birds feel safe feeding high up off the ground). Cut a piece of rope to the length required, thread through the rings at the back, tie the ends together and hang in position. As birds eat the seed, the tray will automatically fill with more food.

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Bird friendly

We used kwila offcuts for our bird feeder because it's naturally weather-resistant; however, any other hardwood would also work. Avoid treated wood because the chemicals can be harmful to birds.