Holidays are for the Birds & other Wildlife too

Decoration Ideas from Nature to Nurture our Wildlife

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Tips & Warnings
• Keep finished fruit ornaments in the refrigerator until ready to hang outside on the tree.
• Refresh the ornaments throughout the winter to provide food for the wildlife.
• Enjoy the pulp and juice of the citrus cups yourself. It doesn’t make sense to throw the best part away!
• Remove dental floss, wire, raffia and ribbons when the food is gone to prevent them from blowing away and trash-ing the environment

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**String of Bells Ornament**

**Materials needed:**
- Peat pots
- Peanut butter
- Birdseed
- Twine, raffia or other ribbon

**Directions:**
- Thread twine between pots, tying a knot inside each bottom
- Apply peanut butter to outside of each pot
- Roll in birdseed

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**Birdseed Bell Ornaments**

**Materials needed:**
- Peat pots
- Peanut butter
- Birdseed
- Cranberries
- Raffia or other ribbon
- Thread

**Directions:**
- Punch hole in bottom of pot
- Run thread or ribbon through bottom of the pot and make a knot on the outside of the pot
- Continue the ribbon or thread through the pot and attach to cranberry so it barely hangs out of the bell (upside-down pot)
- Apply peanut butter to pot
- Dip pot into birdseed

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Cranberry or Raisin Icicles

**Materials needed:**
- Fresh cranberries or raisins
- Waxed dental floss
- Raffia or ribbon

**Directions:**
- Run dental floss through five or more cranberries (raisins)
- Make a knot at the bottom to secure the strand
- Tie ribbon at the top to hang on the tree

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Popcorn Garland

**Materials needed:**
- Popcorn
- Twine

**Directions:**
- Pop popcorn
- Thread twine through popcorn to desired length

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Basket of Corn or Acorns

**Materials needed:**
- Old basket
- Ear corn or acorns

**Directions:**
- Place corn or acorns in basket
- Happy eating squirrels!

Table Corner Bouquet

**Materials needed:**
- Flowers and/or greenery
- Raffia or other ribbon

**Directions:**
- Tie flowers and/or greenery together with ribbon
- Pin to corners of tablecloth

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**Driftwood or Branch Centerpiece**

**Materials needed:**
- Piece of wood
- Peanut butter
- Birdseed
- Berries
- Spanish moss and/or ball moss

**Directions:**
- Drill holes into wood
- Fill holes with peanut butter and birdseed
- Attach moss
- Attach berries into the moss

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**Citrus Cups**

**Materials needed:**
- Citrus such as oranges, grapefruits or lemons
- Suet birdseed
- Raffia or other ribbon

**Directions:**
- Half the fruit and remove the juice and pulp
- Punch 3 holes equally spaced around the cut edge
- Tread ribbon through each hole and secure with a knot.
- Make a small hole in the bottom of the fruit cup for drainage
- Fill the cup with birdseed suet shaped into a ball
- Store in cool, dry place for 1-2 days before hanging

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Orange Tree topper

**Materials needed:**
- Orange
- Toothpicks
- Berries

**Directions:**
- Cut orange in half and remove pulp from center only
- Stick toothpicks into rind
- Insert cranberries into the other end of the toothpicks
- Place inverted orange on the top of the tree

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Culinary Delight Centerpiece

**Materials needed:**
- Whole pineapple
- Fruits such as apples and citrus
- Greenery such as holly, juniper
- Berries and/or nuts
- Plate or platter

**Directions:**
- Place the pineapple in the middle of the dish
- Space the greenery and fruits around it so the dish is concealed

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**Pine Cone Bird Feeder**

**Materials needed:**
- Pine cones
- Peanut butter
- Birdseed
- Baking dish
- Glue gun
- Twine or ribbon

**Directions:**
- Cunt twine into 8-10 inch lengths
- Put the ends together to form a loop
- Glue the ends onto the flat end to the pine cone
- Spread peanut butter onto the petals of the pine cone
- Pour birdseed into baking dish
- Roll pine cone in birdseed

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**Picture Frame Bird Feeder**

**Materials needed:**
- Old picture frames without glass & backs
- Non-toxic glue or peanut butter
- Birdseed
- Newspapers
- Baking dish
- Twine or ribbon

**Directions:**
- Lay out newspaper to catch extra bird seed
- Pour bird seed into baking dish
- Apply layer of glue (peanut butter) to one side of frame
- Lay across baking dish and drop birdseed onto frame
- Dry
- Repeat on the other side
- Hang on tree with twine or ribbon

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