

# SUET BIRD FEEDER



## YOU WILL NEED:

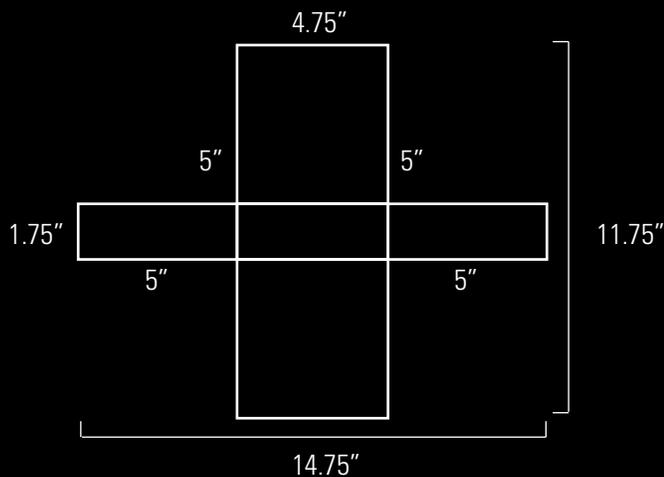
- 1/2" Gauge Hardware Cloth
- Cardboard
- Chain for Hanging S Hooks
- Needle Nose Pliers
- Permanent Marker
- Ruler
- S Hooks
- Safety Glasses
- Spray Paint
- Suet Feed
- Thin Wire for Wrapping
- Wire Cutters
- Work Gloves



## STEP 1



## STEP 2



## STEP 3



### 01

Cut a manageable piece of hardware cloth to work with, keeping in mind the measurements you want your feeder to be. Figure out the size of your finished product and total out the width and height to get the final total square inches. The finished size of the feeder in this tutorial is 4.75"W x 5"H x 1.75"D.

Always wear work gloves when cutting wire. The frayed edges when cut are sharp and can cause injury. Always wear safety glasses as flying pieces of wire may be dangerous.

### 02

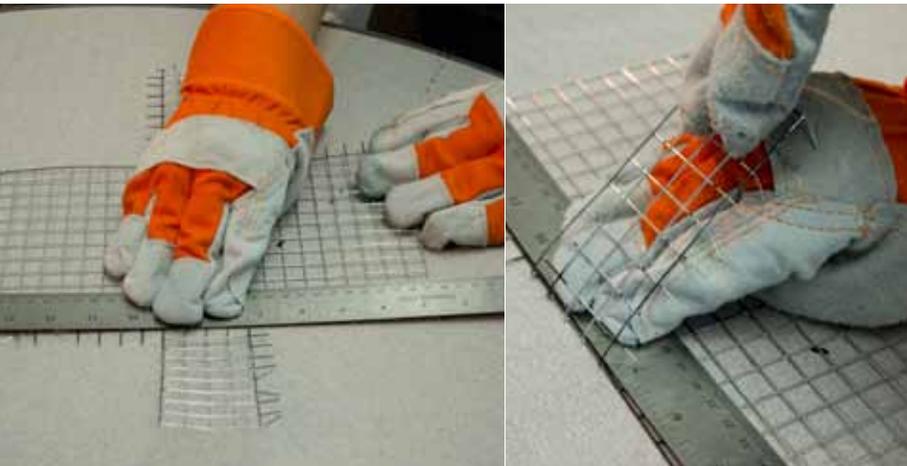
The feeder essentially follows the same layout as a regular box. Follow the diagram pictured when measuring and drawing your lines on the hardware cloth, or use it as a starting point if you have a custom size.

### 03

Once you have your diagram drawn out, use wire cutters to cut it out.

Cut along your permanent marker lines as shown. Your final piece should resemble the diagram sketch in step 2.

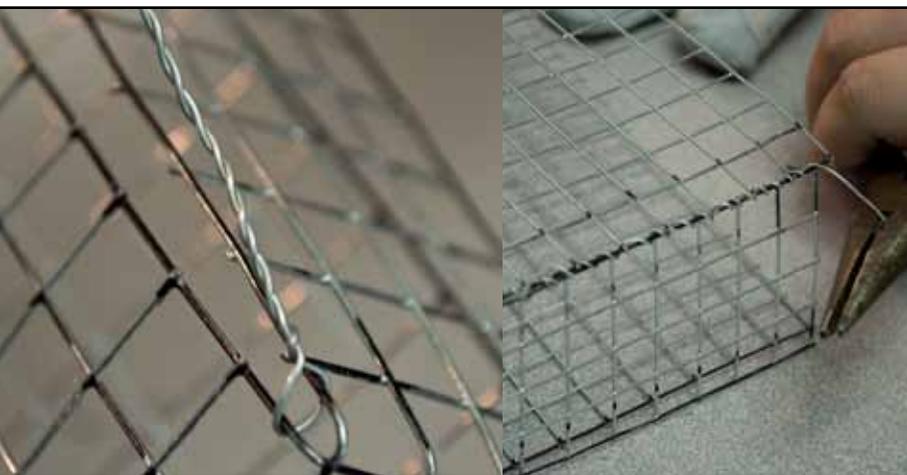
## STEP 4



## STEP 5



## STEP 6



### 04

Now it's time to fold the sides of your diagram into an actual box. Use a ruler and line it up against the line you want to fold. The ruler provides stability while folding and gives you a crisp fold. Repeat this process for all the sides.

**NOTE:** Your diagram should not have any wire sticking out on the edges when you go to fold. Cut off any pieces like the ones shown to the left with wire cutters.

### 05

The last part of assembling your feeder is adhering the edges together. Using your thin wire, thread it in between the two sides as shown.

### 06

Twist the wire as shown to make a loop connecting the two sides of the feeder. Continue winding the wire all the way up the side.

When you get to the top, trim the wire. Make sure there are no sharp edges protruding by bending the tip of the wire between the two sides of the feeder as best you can. Repeat this process for the other sides of the feeder.

## STEP 7



## STEP 8



## STEP 9



### 07

In a well-ventilated area such as a garage or a backyard, lay out a piece of cardboard large enough to give you ample space around your feeder. This will ensure that no excess spray paint will get on the grass or floor around you.

Shake your can of spray paint and start to paint your feeder. Hold your can of spray paint at least 6 inches away and move in a steady, constant motion while spraying.

### 08

After your feeder is completely dry, attach any chain to an S Hook of your choice to the sides; making sure that the chain is attached to the middle of them for balance.

### 09

Insert your brick of suet into the feeder, hang, and get ready for some bird watching.