

Milk Carton Bird Feeder

Guys will likely enjoy constructing this bird feeder made from a milk carton, duct tape, and craft sticks.

You will need:

- [Pattern](#) printed on copy paper
- Paper milk or juice container washed and dried (1/2 gallon)
- 16 [Mini craft sticks](#) (2 1/2")
- 2 [Jumbo craft sticks](#) (5 3/4")
- 4 [Paper fasteners](#) (3/4")
- 18" Piece of wire
- Duct tape (color/designs of choice)
- Masking tape
- Hot glue gun and glue sticks
- Black Sharpie marker
- Hole punch
- X-Acto knife
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Bird seed



Hang a photo of a [Milk Carton Bird Feeder](#) to attract the guys to this project.

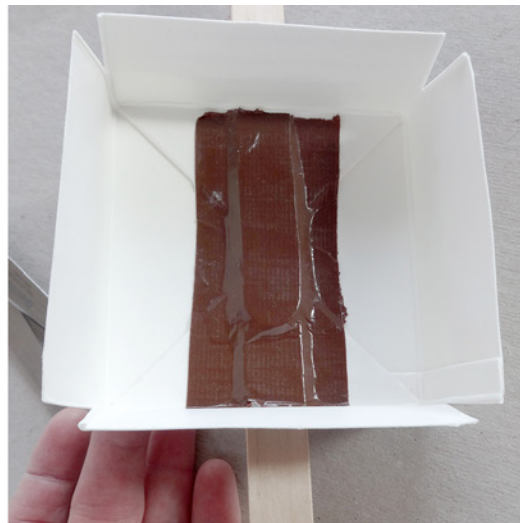
Directions:

1. Use the Sharpie and ruler to draw a guideline around the milk carton that is 4" above the bottom of the carton. Cut along the line using scissors or an X-Acto knife so the carton is in 2 pieces.

2. Shorten the bottom portion of the carton by trimming 2 1/4" from the top edge.
Tip: Use the Sharpie and ruler to draw guidelines.



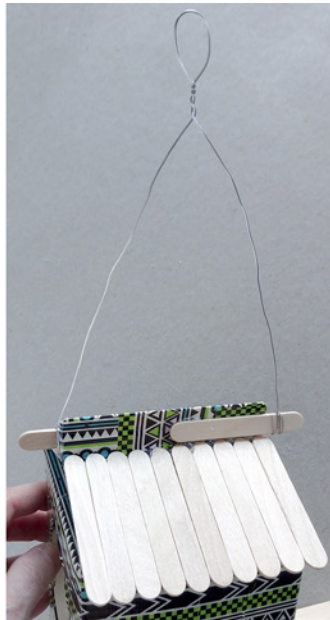
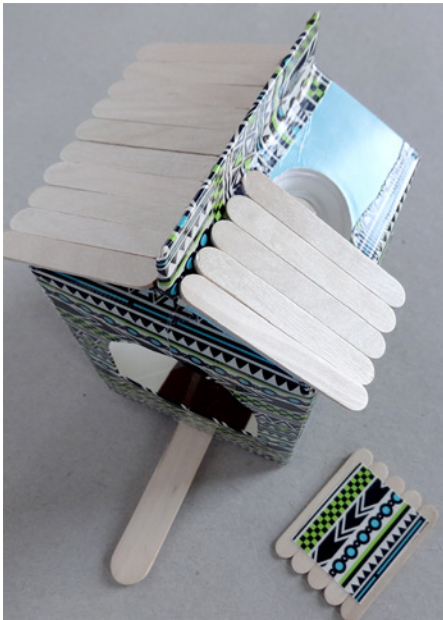
3. Cut the patterns apart along the gray lines. Use masking tape to attach 2 of them to the top section of the carton—1 on the front and 1 on the back. Line up the patterns so they are centered, and the bottom edge of the pattern is aligned with the bottom edge of the carton.
4. Following the arched black line on the pattern, cut out the doors. Punch 4 holes about 1/2" from the bottom of the carton on each side of both doors.
5. To make perches for the bottom piece, cut two 1" slits that are centered near the front and back edges of the carton. Slide a jumbo craft stick in each of the slits so the sticks meet in the middle. Secure the craft sticks to the bottom of the carton with duct tape.



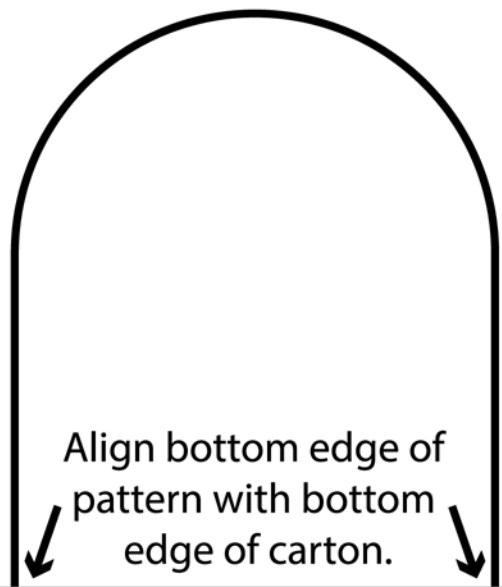
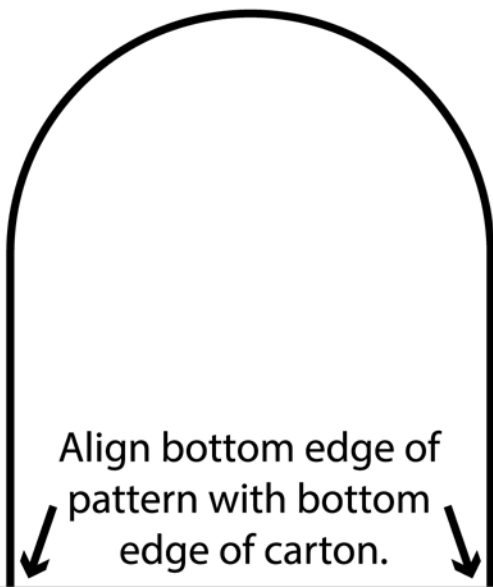
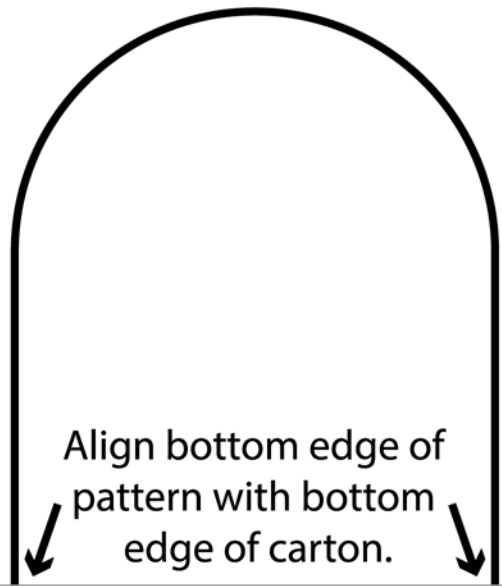
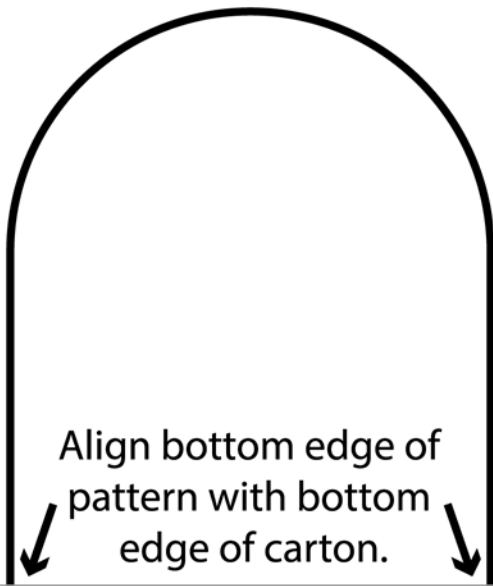
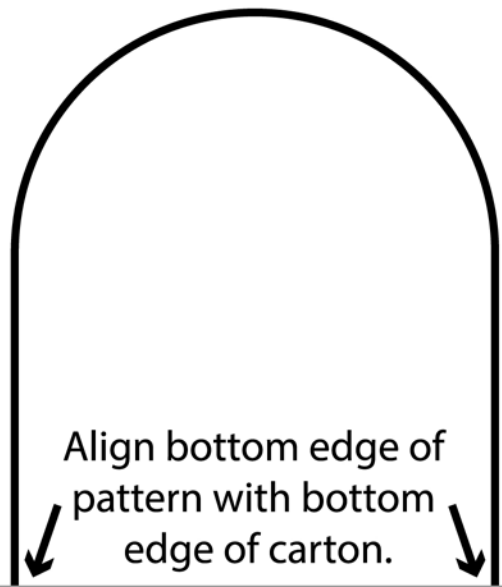
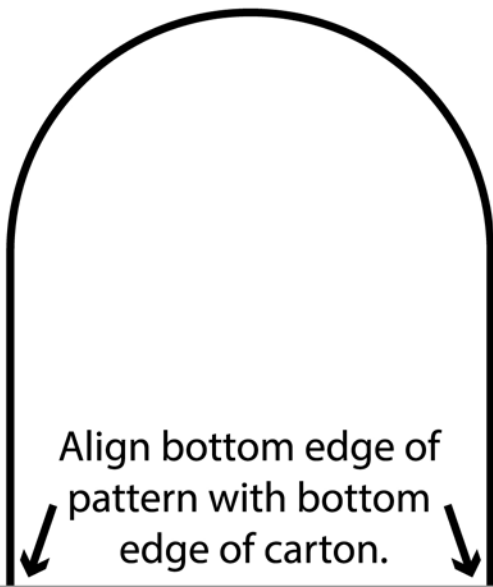
6. Cut a 3/4" slit down each of the 4 corners of the feeder floor as shown in the center photo on the previous page.
7. Slip the top portion onto the bottom, making sure to position the craft stick perches under the doors of the feeder. The top and bottom pieces should overlap by about 3/4".
8. Make holes in the bottom piece that align with the 4 holes in the top piece. Secure the top and bottom together using paper fasteners through the holes. The prongs should be on the outside of the feeder.
9. Cover the sides of the feeder with duct tape. There's no need to cover the sloped top, but don't forget to add tape to the top peak of the roof. Cut slits in the tape where the doors are as shown below. Fold the cut tape back, adhering it to the inside walls of the feeder.



10. Line up 5 mini craft sticks side by side. Use 2 extra sticks to ensure the sticks are lined up straight and then remove the extra sticks. Tape the sticks to each other using duct tape. Repeat 3 more times to make a total of 4 roof pieces.
11. If the container has a plastic cap and round pour spout, remove the cap and invert the pour spout by pushing it inward with your thumbs.
12. Using a generous amount of hot glue, attach 2 roof panels to each side of the carton.
13. Glue 2 mini craft sticks to the side edges of the carton or roof peak as shown in the middle photo on the next page. Allow 3/4" of the sticks to hang over opposing sides as shown.



14. Bend the wire in half. Twist the folded end and make a 1" hoop for hanging. Wrap the ends of the wire around the craft sticks just attached to the roof.
 15. Glue 2 more craft sticks to each side of the roof peak as shown in the last photo above.
 16. Fill the bottom with bird seed and hang your new feeder outside.
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