

Winter Welcome Mat

Text and Art
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After the next snowfall, lay out a tasty welcome mat for your feathery friends.



What You'll Need:

bird seeds



sunflower seeds



unsalted peanuts



cracked corn



wooden spoon



large
cookie sheet



paper cups



apple and orange
slices (optional)



Yum!

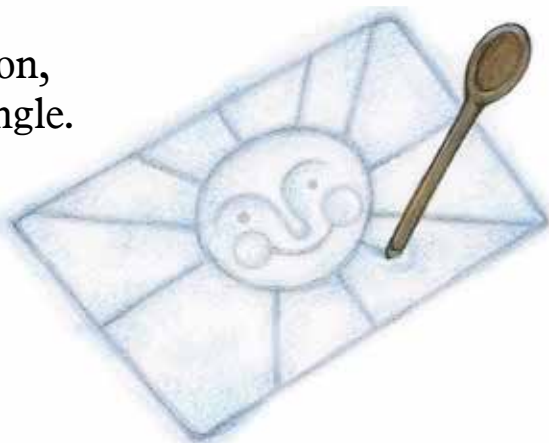


What to Do:

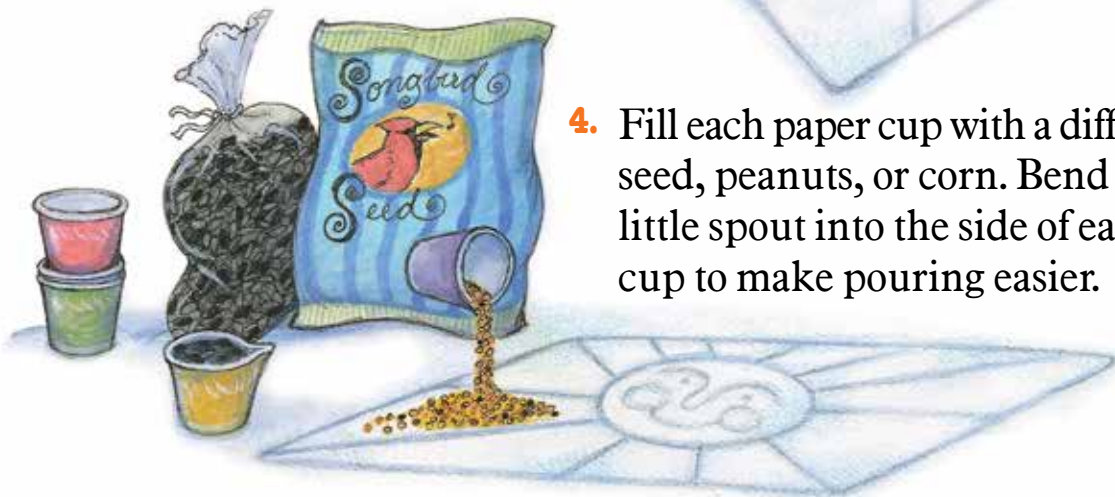
1. Choose a smooth area of snow for the mat. If you make it by a window, you can watch the birds eat.
2. Press the cookie sheet firmly into the snow to make a rectangular shape.



3. With the handle of the wooden spoon, draw shapes or designs in the rectangle. You'll fill these with the treats for the birds.



4. Fill each paper cup with a different seed, peanuts, or corn. Bend a little spout into the side of each cup to make pouring easier.



5. Decide which treat goes where, then sprinkle even layers of them inside the shapes. If you like, add a border of sliced fruit.

