

# MAKE YOUR OWN BIRDFEEDER



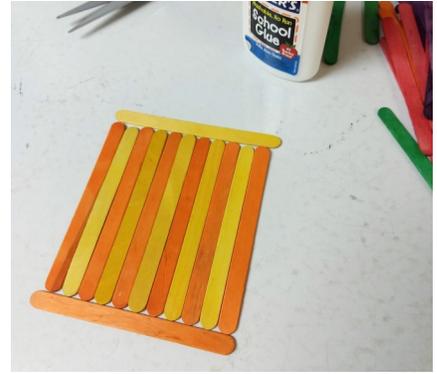
For this activity you'll need:

- At least 43 popsicle sticks (brown or multi-colored, available from several online retailers)
- Liquid glue
- 4 feet of string or twine
- Scissors
- Crayons or color markers to decorate (optional)
- A small bag of birdfeed

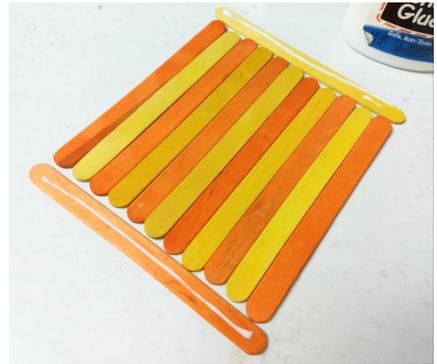
Instructions begin on the next page (adult supervision will be required).

## Instructions:

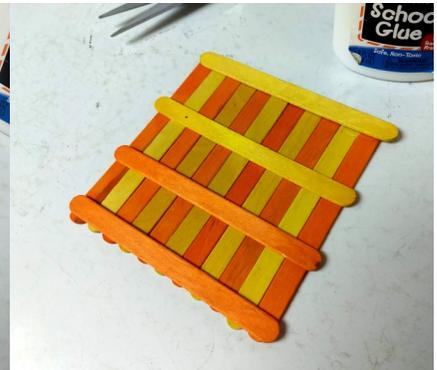
1. Create a base by setting out popsicle sticks side-to-side (about 11). Use a full stick as a guide for the length



2. After lining up the sticks, add glue to two other sticks and place across each end of the base.



3. Add two more sticks across the middle to give the base some more support. Let the base dry before continuing.



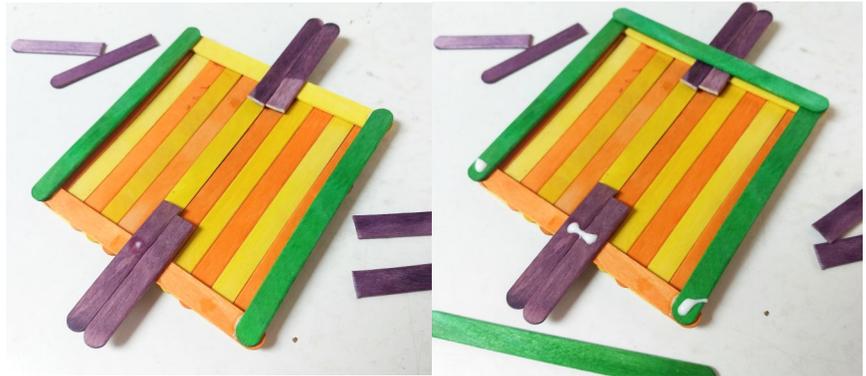
4. Turn the base over. Glue two new sticks across the edge of the base perpendicularly.



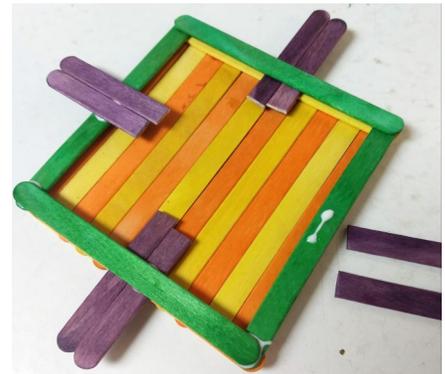
5. Add dots of glue to all four corners. Place two new overlapping sticks on the glue dots, log cabin style.



6. Now make a set of perches. Have an adult take two sticks and carefully cut them in two (to make four small sticks). Take two of the smaller sticks and glue them onto one side of the base, then take the other two and do the same on the other side. Secure them by gluing two full sticks across the top of each side.



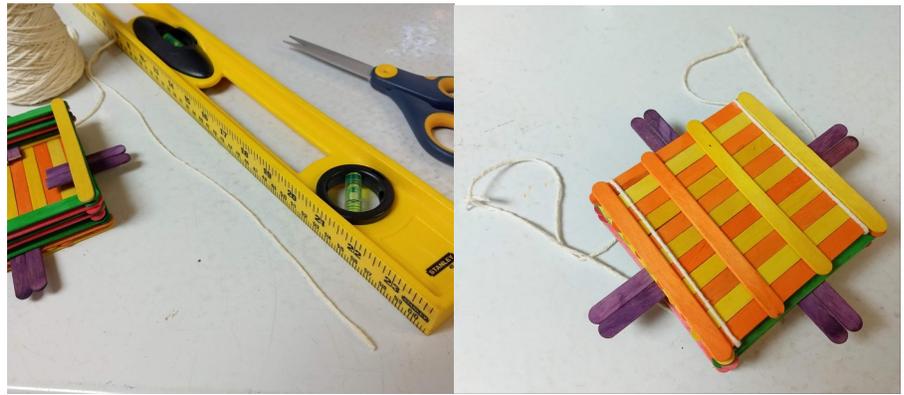
7. Make two more perches on the opposite sides by having an adult cut two more sticks in two. Glue them onto each side, then add a full stick over the top to secure them (like above).



8. Continue to add full sticks in layers log cabin style, applying glue to each corner to adhere the next row. Add about five layers above the perches to each of the four sides. Set it aside to dry completely before moving to the next step. Once dry, use crayons or markers to add some decorations on the top and bottom (optional).



9. Take the string and cut two pieces about 2 feet long each. String them through the bottom slats and secure to the outer base sticks underneath. Then tie each string at the top with a knot to create two hanger strings on each side.



10. Find a nice place outside to hang your feeder, maybe on a tree branch or a shepherd's hook. Fill it with birdfeed and watch to see your new winged friends stop by and enjoy their birdfeeder!

