

# Tray Bird Feeder



**One of the first signs of spring** is the sight and song of birds returning from warmer climates where they've wintered. A great way to welcome them back is to hang a tray feeder (a style many types of birds will eat from) filled with a mix of black oil sunflower seeds and millet.

## Materials

- 1- by 3-inch (actual measurement is 3/4 by 2 1/2 inches) pine board, 4 feet long
- Drill with 5/64- and 1/4-inch bits
- Hammer
- 5d galvanized box nails
- 10-inch square of aluminum screening (sold in most hardware stores)
- Copper upholstery tacks
- Pair of rawhide laces, each 36 inches long

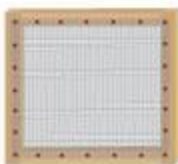
## Instructions



1. Cut the pine board into two 10 1/2-inch lengths and two 9-inch lengths.



2. Stand the shorter pieces on end and set one of the longer pieces on top of them (like a table), so that the ends are flush, as shown.
3. Use the 5/64-inch bit to predrill holes, then nail the pieces together.
4. Flip over the assembly and nail the other long piece in place (again predrilling the holes) to form a square frame.



5. Tack the screen to the bottom edges of the frame, as shown. Finally, use the 1/4-inch bit to drill a pair of holes in 2 opposite sides.
6. Thread a lace through the holes in each side, knot the ends, and the feeder is ready to hang.