

DIY project

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Bird
FEEDER



Build your feathered friends a sheltered cafe for safe snacking on birdseed during the bleak winter months – and install a living roof of succulents for an eco-friendly twist

Materials

- You will need:** 1 x 1.8m x 100mm x 75mm H4 treated post
- 1m x 280mm x 19mm H3 treated pine (for the base and roof)
 - 2.1m x 65mm x 19mm H3 pine (for the roof supports and eaves)
 - 1.5 x 40mm x 19mm H3 pine (for the base rim) • 600mm x 18mm x 18mm (for the roof rim) • 4 x 80mm galvanised angle brackets
 - saw • hole saw • drill • hammer • protractor • 40mm galvanised nails • 18mm galvanised screws • exterior woodworking glue
 - sandpaper • pencil • clamp • black polythene • carpet • staple gun • tacks • potting mix for succulents and cacti • selection of succulents (we used *Sedum mexicana* and *Sedum rubrotinctum*).

step-by-step

1

Cut four roof supports: 2 x 200mm and 2 x 250mm. Cut the 250mm pieces at a 15° angle (as shown) to support the roof peak.



2

Using the hole saw, cut a decorative hole about 80mm down from the top of one of the 250mm lengths. Sand any rough edges.



3

Make the tray base. Cut a 400mm x 280mm panel. Cut base rims, two x 438mm and two x 280mm. Glue and nail rims to base.



4

Sit supports on base and mark their position with a pencil. Remove, drill pilot holes, upturn base and nail in supports.



5

Cut two 250mm panels for the roof. Saw mitre joint at 15° angle. Cut 2 x 280mm rims, drill drainage holes, then affix to roof.



6

Nail roof to supports. Cut four 280mm eaves. Cut mitre joint at a 15° angle. Affix eaves to front and back of roof.



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Cut polythene to fit roof and staple in place. Add a piece of carpet, secured with tacks, so the succulent roots can get a firm foothold.



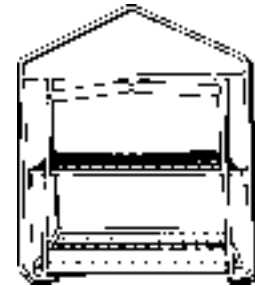
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Fix bird feeder to post using brackets and screws. Insert post into a deep hole. Add potting mix to roof and plant succulents.

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