



“Suet” Cake Activity

Basic Food Mixture: In a bowl, mix $\frac{1}{2}$ cup vegetable shortening, lard, or suet with $2\frac{1}{2}$ cups cornmeal or uncooked oats until well blended. Optional: add dried fruit (chopped up), chopped nuts, birdseed (especially sunflower and millet).

For Pine Cone Feeder:

- Tie string or yarn at one end of pine cone for hanging.
- Pack food mixture into cone with wooden spoon or fingers.
- Roll cone in birdseed, sunflower seed, nuts, etc.
- Hang from branch.



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For “Suet” Cakes:

- Spoon food mixture into any small pie tin, margarine tub, or other container about $\frac{3}{4}$ ” to 1” deep.
- Refrigerate until hard (kids can do this at home).
- Remove from container.
- Place outdoors on deck rail, window sill, etc, or hang from branch in mesh onion bag.
- Consider fun shapes, e.g., hearts for Valentine’s Day, etc, often available in candle/wax area of craft stores.
- If container is rigid (e.g., muffin tins) line with plastic wrap or spray with cooking spray to facilitate removal.
- Mix can be rolled into ball around a knotted piece of twine, rolled in seed, chilled, and used for outdoor holiday tree ornament.