



DALLAS ARBORETUM  
Education

### Butterfly Feeder

Keep those pollinators fed and energized with your very own Butterfly feeder. You will have fun using a lot of creative juices and a little engineering. The reward is getting to observe beautiful creatures outside of the Arboretum.

#### Materials Needed:

- Glass or plastic transparent jar with lid
- Nail
- Sponge
- String
- Sugar solution
- Scissors
- Hammer
- Paint or permanent markers

#### How To:

Use a hammer and nail to create a hole in the metal lid of the canning jar. Cut a strip from the sponge and carefully insert it through the hole, using tweezers if needed. It should fit snugly.

Brightly decorate the jar to draw in butterflies, with red being a particularly good choice. Attach string around the jar to create a hanger, keeping in mind that the jar will be hung upside down when finished.

Prepare a sugar water mixture with 9 parts water to 1 part sugar and pour it into the jar. Secure the lid tightly and turn the jar upside down. While it shouldn't leak, you may notice the sponge starting to drip. Hang the feeder in a spot where you want to attract butterflies and enjoy watching who comes to visit!

