

Once you have mounted your squirrel feeder and filled it with corn, the squirrels will eagerly be feasting. Providing your backyard squirrels with their own food source will help to diminish the amount of seed they steal from your birdfeeders.

As an added treat, put some peanuts in the shell on the floor of the feeder.

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Squirrel Feeders



Learn how to make a simple squirrel feeder for your backyard.

What you will need

One $\frac{3}{4}$ x 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 26 " (floor)

One $\frac{3}{4}$ x 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 26 " (back)

One $\frac{3}{4}$ x 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 26 " (front)

Two $\frac{3}{4}$ x 7 x 16 (ends)

Nine 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " wood screws

Four 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " wood screws

Three 3" wood screws

Dried corn cobs



Building Your Feeder

1. Screw the front and the back pieces to the floor as shown below. You should use four 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " wood screws per side. Make sure the pieces are flush at the ends. The front and back pieces should rise 1" above the floor piece.

2. Using 5 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " wood screws per end, screw both end pieces on according to the drawing below. Make the bottom of the end pieces flush with the bottom edge of the back.

3. Drive four 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " wood screws up through the bottom of the floor piece to hold the corn cobs. Make each cob equally spaced from each other and the sides of the feeder.

4. To mount your feeder, drive 3" wood screws through the back panel of the feeder into a support pole.



5. Drive dried corn cobs onto each of the four screws pointing up from the floor of your feeder.