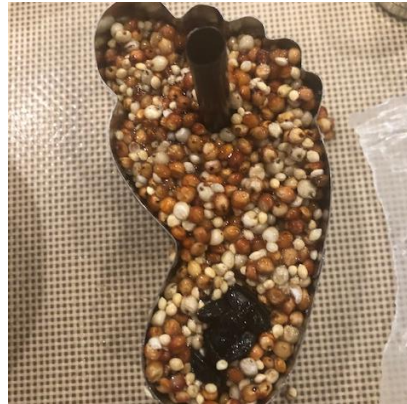


# BIRDSEED COOKIES

This one is for the birds. And probably the squirrels too!

## SUPPLIES

- Birdseed
- Unflavored gelatin
- Corn syrup
- Cookie cutters
- Water
- 1 straw
- Baking sheet pan
- Waxed or parchment paper
- String



## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Measure 2 cups of birdseed. I tried two different blends. One blend had small seeds with sunflower seeds, the other had larger pieces including corn.
2. Boil  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup water. Pour into a bowl and add 1 packet of unflavored gelatin. Mix well. Add  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup of cold water. Mix well.
3. Add 1 Tablespoon of corn syrup to bowl and mix well.
4. Pour 2 cups of birdseed to the gelatin mixture. Mix well. Place in the refrigerator for about 15 minutes to allow the gelatin to begin to set.



5. Lightly grease your cookie cutters. I used a baby foot cookie cutter, slightly bent to form a proper Tar Heel and an interlocking NC. Hearts and circles are great options. As you can see in the picture, I filled in the openings in the cookie cutter to keep the seeds out.



6. Remove the seed mixture from the refrigerator.
7. Place the cookie cutters on the parchment paper lined baking sheet.
8. Spoon the birdseed mixture into the cookie cutter. Place a cut piece of the plastic straw in the center of the birdseed cookie to form a hole to place your hanger string. Firmly tap the seed mixture into the cutter so that it is filled to the edges.



9. Place the baking sheet in the fridge overnight to set.
10. Next day, carefully remove the birdseed cookie from the cookie cutter. Place a string through the hole created by the straw.
11. Hang outside for your birds (and squirrels!) to enjoy. Place it near the trunk of the tree/bush so that the birds have a perch when pecking at the seeds. The birds don't like to eat from a dangling or moving cookie.

