



*thank you for helping to decorate our holiday tree for the birds!  
would you like to decorate your own tree?*

Perhaps you'd like to re-purpose your Christmas tree after the holidays by putting it in your backyard and decorating it with your pinecone & birdseed ornaments – you'll provide shelter from the cold winter winds as well as tasty treats for our feathered friends.

We like using *Cole's Special Feeder* birdseed because it's a high-energy treat formulated for cardinals, chickadees, evening grosbeak, goldfinches, jays, mourning doves, nuthatches, purple finches, titmice, woodpeckers and wrens.

Here is our recipe for bird-friendly ornaments. *Cole's Special Feeder* Birdseed is available at Bowood Farms. After picking up your birdseed at Bowood Farms, take a short walk down to Kennedy Park (on Olive Street between Euclid and Walton) to see the birds enjoying the tree you decorated at **Holiday on the Plaza**.

### *pinecone ornaments for the birds*

#### **For 7 – 8 Ornaments:**

1 cup creamy peanut butter  
1 cup shortening such as Crisco  
3 cups yellow cornmeal

5 lb. bag of *Coles Special Feeder* Birdseed

#### **For 30 – 40 Ornaments:**

40 oz. jar creamy peanut butter  
1 ½ lbs. shortening  
5 lbs. yellow cornmeal

- Purchase or collect dried natural pine cones free of chemicals, paint, or glitter.
- Attach a hanger to the ornament. Tie raffia or jute twine around the pine cones and knot it into a loop big enough to hang on a tree branch.
- Mix together all ingredients *except* the birdseed. When making large amounts it's helpful to use the dough hook on an electric mixer.
- Smear the mixture onto the pine cones. A big spoon makes a good tool, but we've found that fingers work best!
- Press *Coles Special Feeder* birdseed into the sticky pinecones. Filling a large pan with the birdseed and rolling the pine cones also works well. A five-pound bag will be enough for these projects with leftovers to fill your feeder as well.