

## 1/2" scale Hummingbird Feeder

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Dress up your mini patio and yard. This is a 1/2" scale hummingbird feeder. Increasing the sizes slightly would allow it to fit nicely into 1" scale also.

### SUPPLIES

- 1/2" piece red plastic tubing — 1/8" outside diameter. I found mine at a local model railroad store. It came from the Midwest Products Co. Clear tubing would work as well.
- 4 very small flowers. Metal or plastic work equally as well. Mine were silver and came from the local bead shop where they had several findings to choose from.
- 4 holeless glass beads for flower centers.
- 1 garment snap. I used Dritz size 3/0. Use the smallest half.
- Flower shape bead cap with a ring on top. These can also be found at the bead or craft store.
- 1-1/2 inches of fine gold color chain — from thrift store or garage sale.
- 2 gold color jump rings.
- 1 bead cap or other finding from which to hang your feeder.
- Bright red and medium green paints — either spray or brush on. I used the spray because I was making several at the same time. For holding these small items, I used toothpicks or pins. If spraying, stick the other end into a piece of styrofoam.
- Just a dot of bright yellow paint for the flower centers after gluing on.
- Your favorite strong glue. I like Weldbond because it holds fairly quickly.

1. Paint the 1/2 snap and flower shape bead cap with the green paint.
2. Paint the flowers with the red paint. When they are dry, carefully use tweezers to place the holeless bead in the center of each flower. Use the smallest end of your stylus or toothpick to place just a dot of yellow paint on the bead. Do not try to paint the underside — just the top is sufficient.
3. Use a small pointed file to slightly ream out one end of the tubing. This will enable the tubing to be pushed onto the point of the snap. This forms the base on which to attach your four flowers evenly spaced around the tubing.
4. Spread open your green bead slightly and slip it over the other end of the tubing. Make sure all is straight and in alignment. Attach chain to jump ring and then onto the bead cap. Attach other ring to end of chain and to a bead cap or whatever you have chosen to suspend it with.
5. This is very simple and easy. The longest thing about it is to wait for the paint to dry to handle it. Have fun with it.



Before Painting

After Painting