

Bird Toy Ideas

Try some of these homemade fun ideas

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Use a household item to keep your bird entertained.
Courtesy Cheryl Ross, Arizona

There are some amazing toys on the market, and the more elaborate types will cost you a pretty penny. If your wallet isn't as big as your bird's desire to play, there are a ton of household items you can use to keep your bird entertained. Drill a hole in a phone book and hang it on the side of the cage using sisal twine. The ink is safe, though a little dirty. Cut up a cardboard box into various shapes, poke a hole in the center of each piece, and then string them onto a piece of twine, and tie it to the cage. Be careful that the twine you use doesn't become a noose. Use a small plastic food container as a daily toy box, and fill it with plastic straws, unsalted unbuttered popcorn, popsicle sticks, plastic spoons, and plastic toys and beads. You can get a lot of great hard plastic toys at thrift shops. To make the daily filling of the toy box easy, keep a cookie jar on your kitchen counter that's relegated to little baubles for your bird, and fill it up as you come across things that are bird-safe and fun to play with.