Craft toys and enrichment

1. Foraging toys

➢ **Cone-chain**

- **Materials:** cones (pine, spruce etc.), cotton or leather ribbons, sunflower seeds, dried berries, different nuts, cordless drill or gimlet

  ![different types of cones](image)

- drill a hole in the bottom of the cones
- tie the leather ribbon in the cone
  → take two or three different cones together= more diversification for the parrots

![Example how it could look like](image)

- you can fill the gaps in the cones with berries, nuts and seeds
  → you can also use cones with their own seeds inside. Parrots love them!
Coconut cup

- **Materials:** coconut cup, cotton or leather ribbons, different material to cover the cup (for example cardboard for budgies and lovebirds; balsawood for amazon parrots and macaws), cordless drill, scissors, pencil

- drill a hole in the bottom of the coconut cup
- put the ribbon though the hole and tie a knot to fix the ribbon
- put the open side of the cup on the cardboard and draw the outline of the cup
- draw a star in the circle and cut it out
  - the star should be small enough that the bird can look inside the cup.
  - But if the star is too small, it would be too easy for the parrots to get the food inside the cup.
- put a hole in the middle of the star and put the ribbon through the hole

➔ you can fill the coconut cup with dried fruits, nuts and other food
➔ the bird has to raise the cover or to destroy it to get the food inside

Example how it could look like
➢ **Corn leave package**

- **Material**: dried corn leaves, bast fibres, dried fruits, nuts, Nutri-Berries, tanks with water,

- soak the corn leaves in the water tanks
- take a leaf out of the water and dry it with a towel
- put fruits, nuts etc. at one end of the leaves
- start to roll up the leave until it looks like a bonbon
- close the left and the right side of the bonbon with the help of the bast fibres

➢ it is good for big birds like amazon parrots, grey parrots and macaws. They will grab the package with their claws and bite it with their beak.

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**Webpages with different examples of parrot enrichment:**

- [http://www.behaviorworks.org/files/articles/Parrot%20Enrichment%20Activity%20Book%201.pdf](http://www.behaviorworks.org/files/articles/Parrot%20Enrichment%20Activity%20Book%201.pdf)
- [https://www.parrots.org/lp/parrot-toy-forage/](https://www.parrots.org/lp/parrot-toy-forage/)
- [https://understandingparrots.com/category/enrichment/](https://understandingparrots.com/category/enrichment/)
Some more examples of parrot enrichment and toys:
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