Odds and ends

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The two nations of Thwart and Bane had always been friends. There hadn't been a war between the two, but they had a quiet, flustering admiration for each other's developments. One fine day, Thwart decided to gift Bane, the most precious of all gifts - an apple as a peace symbol of their union, because apples were a rare item in their nation. Given that apples were an expensive commodity, a single apple was demeed appropriate for the purpose. Soon, preparations were underway and a special aircraft was created for the very same purpose.

The day of dispatching the apple arrived in no time. As the aircraft geared for depature, the unexpected happened - the apple disappeared in the blink of an eye. The apple landed in Bane, but not the way it was intended to.

On the receiving end, Bane's scientific team noticed a disruption in the air traffic above the stage used for the apple's reception. Everyone examined the apple, and no-

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ticed that it had been bitten already. Seeing it as a sign of disrespect, millions of people watching the event on TV guffawed in anger. People questioned Thwart's motives. Some even cited it as a half-hearted attempt at association, others calling it sheer humiliation.

Speculations led to discussions, which further spiralled down to many conspiracy theories; the strongest one indicating that Thwart was planning an invasion on Bane. Some even went on to suggest that Thwart would first attack their beach town. Bane had to respond. The first move was to show blatant rejection, so the apple was ejected into outer airspace. When Thwart heard about the ongoing furor over the bitten apple, they

decided to apologise at once and initiate dialogue to clarify intent. Arguments shattered between screens, but the damage had been done.

Meanwhile, the aircraft containing the half-bitten apple eventually dropped it on the roof of a random house. The owner of the house, Steve Jobs was searching for a symbol for his latest technology. The sudden dropping of half-bitten apple shocked him. However, after analysing it Steve Jobs called his team and shared the eureka moment with everyone. GI



Material required

- ◆Ice cream sticks/Jumbo craft sticks
- **♦**Strings

◆Fevicol/Glue

◆Bird feed

Methodology

- ◆Take 10 ice cream sticks and arrange them side by side. Glue the edges along the length to form a base.
- ◆Place one stick above the stick in the centre in such a way that half of it is overlapping the stick, and the other half protruding out. The half that is protruding out will serve as the base for the bird to stand on. Glue this stick in this position.
- ◆Then, take two sticks and vertically glue them on the opposite ends of the square base along its length.
- ◆Now, take two sticks and horizontally glue them on the other two opposite

- ends of the base along its breadth.
- ◆Repeat steps four and five till you reach a desired height for the bird feeder (refer to the image).
- ◆Cut out two string pieces of equal length and tie one on each of the two topmost vertical sticks.
- ◆Now tie the open ends of the two strings together; this will be used to hang the bird feeder in your balcony, garden or on the window.
- Fill the bird feeder with some bird feed of your choice.
- ◆Your bird feeder is now ready to feed the birds!

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