

## **VERY IMPORTANT:** *Read before using...*

### **To replace your feeder with this new one:**

**'Bait & Switch':** Hang your old feeder in its original location BUT be sure it's totally **EMPTY**. Hang the new feeder next to it, FILLED with *fresh* nectar. Use this method even if you plan to continue using your old feeder. **Patience is key!** The nectar is further down than in your old feeder. This deters wasps. Be patient while your hummingbirds discover this. Don't worry about your birds reaching the nectar. Their tongues are 2x longer than their beaks! Most hummingbirds switch the same day but some can take a week or more to switch. Interestingly, male hummingbirds can be a bit slower to switch than females.

**NOTE: In the beginning of the season,** when your hummingbirds are just arriving, hang your OLD feeder out, FULL. Hummingbirds just arriving from their incredible migration will be desperate for calories so use your old feeder until your hummingbirds have all arrived and fed for several days. Then, go ahead and follow the above 'Bait & Switch' procedure with the old feeder EMPTY, etc.

**KEEP OUT ANTS!** Be sure to fill the center ant moat with clean water. Also, rinse off any nectar that may have sloshed on the outside of the feeder.

### **If you're feeding hummingbirds in your yard for the first time...**

**Attract** them to your yard, and feeder: Locate the feeder close to flowers that hummingbirds like. A hanging basket of flowers, sharing a double shepherd's hook with your feeder, works fantastic.

Remember: **Attract** hummingbirds with flowers and **feed** them with a feeder.

Our website has lots of great information about attracting and feeding hummingbirds - like "How to Steal the Neighbor's Hummingbirds". Our 'BLOG' has even more interesting, up to date, information. Test your knowledge!

### **Best food for hummingbirds:**

- Use the best recipe for hummingbird food: 4 parts water to 1 part sugar. Any other ratio can harm hummingbirds.
- Use pure, WHITE CANE sugar. If the package doesn't specifically read "Pure Cane..." It is not as pure or sweet and can gel in the feeder.
- Never use organic, "raw", or any brownish colored sugar. The impurities that make that sugar brown are very bad for hummingbirds. Those impurities will also turn the nectar into a science project.
- NEVER EVER put red food color in your nectar. It's very bad for hummingbirds! Spread the word.
- Cleaning: Sure, your feeder is dishwasher safe but it's so fast & easy to hand wash! You can use vinegar or, if using dish soap, avoid heavily scented dish soaps and rinse WELL with COLD water.
- Check out our BLOG "What's the Best Food for Hummingbirds?" on our website.
- How do you get more hummingbirds? Check our website page "Get More Hummingbirds".

# How to...

## Insert the Hanger:

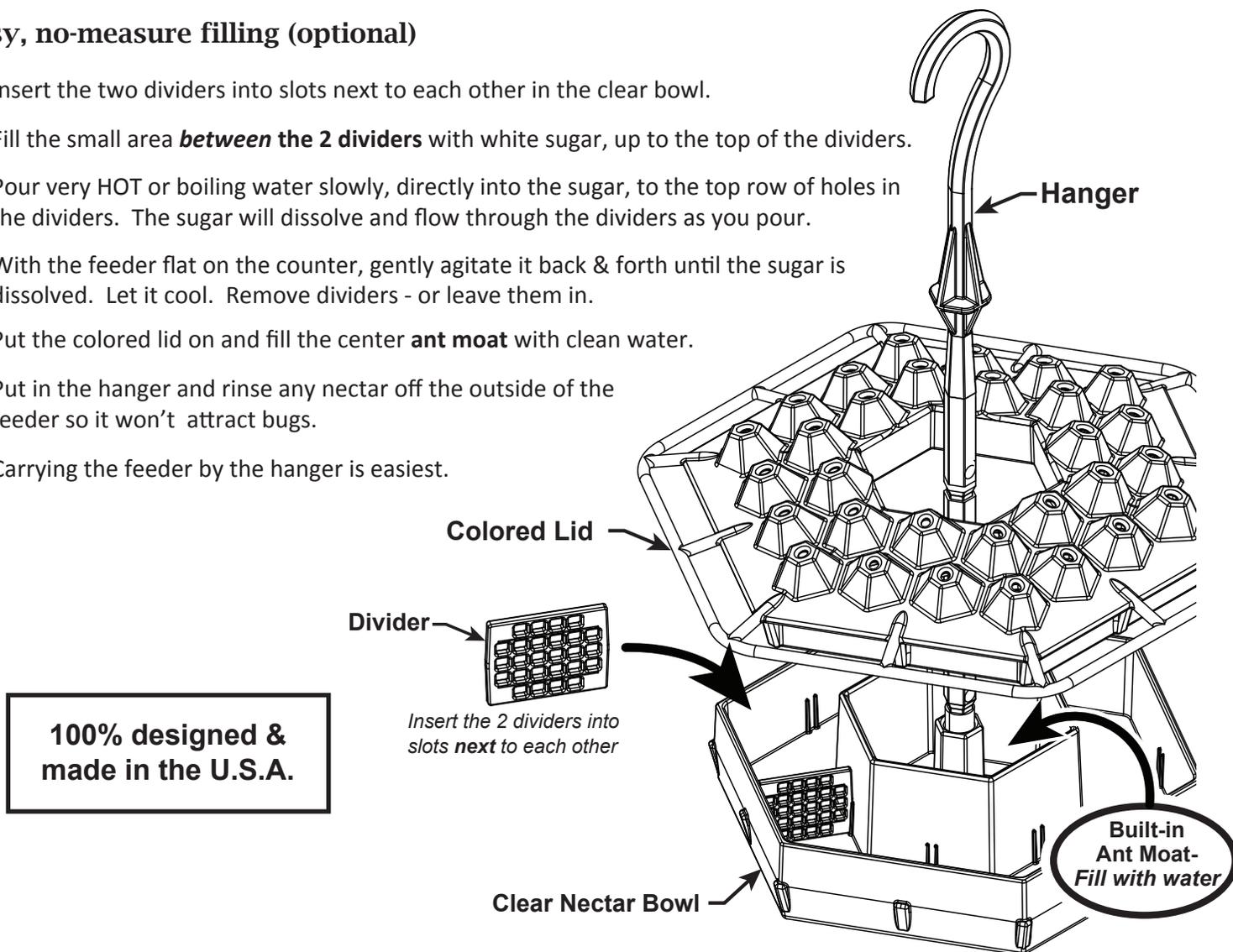
Drop the hanger into the center hole and turn it slightly clockwise. Gently pull up. The hanger should then be in place. No strength is needed. The weight of the feeder keeps it in place so no strength is needed. The colored lid goes on over the top.

## Remove the Hanger:

Take the weight off the hanger by setting the feeder on the counter. Gently turn the hanger a quarter turn counter-clockwise, then up and out.

## Easy, no-measure filling (optional)

- 1) Insert the two dividers into slots next to each other in the clear bowl.
- 2) Fill the small area **between the 2 dividers** with white sugar, up to the top of the dividers.
- 3) Pour very HOT or boiling water slowly, directly into the sugar, to the top row of holes in the dividers. The sugar will dissolve and flow through the dividers as you pour.
- 4) With the feeder flat on the counter, gently agitate it back & forth until the sugar is dissolved. Let it cool. Remove dividers - or leave them in.
- 5) Put the colored lid on and fill the center **ant moat** with clean water.
- 6) Put in the hanger and rinse any nectar off the outside of the feeder so it won't attract bugs.
- 7) Carrying the feeder by the hanger is easiest.



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**Our guarantee:** We've made the best feeder we possibly can. It's extremely tough, as well as UV stable. If anything ever breaks, we will replace the part at no cost to you, for the rest of your life - no ifs, ands, or buts.

These feeders have been extensively tested and are being used throughout the Americas. Because we can't control humans and environments, we cannot guarantee acceptance by your hummingbirds.