

Kids Explore!



Create Wind Chimes

Spring is a great time to capture the wind with chimes made from recycled materials.

Materials

- ◆ Collection of small metal parts and pieces with holes (old keys, used bike parts, springs, buckles, washers, chains, etc.)
- ◆ A used bicycle chain ring with several holes OR a pretty branch
- ◆ Yarn or string

Adult help may be needed on steps with ⇒.

- ⇒ 1. Prepare your materials for chime creation by washing them carefully if necessary. Have an adult remove extra parts if you are using an old bike chain ring.
2. Loop a two foot piece of yarn through each hole on the bike chain ring and tie all the loose

ends together at the top in a knot, or attach several pieces of yarn to a branch and tie them in a top knot to make the hanger for your chimes.

3. Tie one end of an 18” piece of yarn through the hole in each of your “chimes” (the metal parts you have collected). If a part doesn’t have a hole, just tie a piece of yarn to it.

4. Have a friend hold your chain ring or branch so that you can loosely tie on each chime. Be sure the metal parts hang at the same length so they will clink against one another in the wind.



- ⇒ 5. Rearrange the loosely tied chimes until the whole thing balances, then tighten up your ties. (This can be tricky, so you might need adult help.)
6. Hang your creation in a breezy spot and enjoy the tunes!