

Plentiful Programs

Creative Workshops for Children and Adults

Found Object Wind Chimes

Materials

- Keys, Metal washers, Nuts, Bolts, other random metal things you can re purpose, glass beads, junk drawer finds, old silverware
- Something cool to use for the top part of your chime to hang your line on. It can be anything. I used twigs
- Natural twine, cotton string or fishing wire
- Optional ~ Thin wire ~ Duct Tape ~ Hot Glue Gun

Instructions

This is a very free form project

1. First, gather all your materials in from of you.
2. Find a base. This could be one long stick, a hanger, embroidery hoop, old metal cake pan or strainer, OR you can construct one. (See A)



3. Cut various lengths of string. Make their length them about 1/3 longer than you need, they will shorten as you attach chime items.

4. Attach chime items. Thread items with holes in them -like keys, beads, washers etc- onto twine and square knot. For items with no holes -ie silverware, nails, bolts- wrap tightly and tie with a square knot. Work from the bottom up. Largest, items at bottom, threading beads etc between each item. Placing wider items at bottom catches the wind also. Cardboard covered in duct tape or spoons etc. I have found that placing washers or nuts onto attached items without tying them in place makes for louder chimes. The top of the twine should have several inches at top when done tying.

5. Tie chimes to base, adjusting lengths and proximity so they will hit each other when the wind blows. Once you have them in their final positions, feel free to put a dab of hot glue on the top knots.



6. Make a hanger. Depending on your base this can be wire, twine, chains... anything you can manipulate around the top of your base the hang it. For this example, I tied twine to either end of the stick base and hung it right up. If you constructed a base, **see B Below**.

And there you have it. Look at the examples on these pages for inspiration or just look around your house, yard, garage, junk drawer recycle bin or donation box!

