

Recycled Wind Chimes

Wind chimes are a type of percussion instrument that rely on chimes, or hanging material, and wind to make sound. Use everyday materials to create colorful and musical wind chimes. Harness the power of the wind to make musical patterns!

Materials

3-4 Reusable plastic or paper cups
Colored yarn
Acrylic paint (your favorite colors)
Paintbrushes
Pencil
Scissors or skewer (to poke hole)

Instructions

1. Choose your favorite paint colors and paint your cups with colors and designs.
2. Let your cups dry.
3. Take the pieces of yarn and make big knots in different parts.
4. Poke a hole in the bottom of your paper cup.
5. Put one piece of yarn through the hole you just made. Repeat for all the cups you are using. If you cannot poke a hole in your cups, you can tape the string to their bases instead.
6. Your wind chime is ready to hang in a place where it can catch the wind.

Go Further

Try adding different materials on to your wind chime such as bells, bottlecaps, or anything that makes a pleasant sound. What effects does this have on your wind chime? How does this change the sound?

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