

Winsome Windchimes

Winsome Windchimes is an At Home project that embraces children's creativity. This activity is great for individuals or group experiences and the finished design is sure to liven up any space. The recommended age group is youth ages 8 or older with adult supervision.

Through instructions and hands-on engagement, children will learn the importance of following directions and experience the satisfaction bringing designs to life. Choose from three models and let your creativity soar. Tag Habitat of NW Metro Atlanta on social media so we can see your finished product!

A. Heart & Beaded Windchime

Total Time: 1 hour

Requires Adult Supervision

Materials:

- Drill
- Wooden base shape
- Paint
- Ribbon
- Chimes
- Beads
- Fish-wire
- Super-glue (optional)
- Sealant for wood (optional)

Instructions:

1. Paint both sides of the wooden base shape
2. Drill two holes in the base shape at the top and seven holes at the bottom
3. Thread fish wire through holes in base- tie a knot.
4. Thread the fish-wire through the holes in the chimes and beads
5. Tie a big knot that won't let the beads and chimes fall off the string- chimes should be alternating lengths
6. Middle chime should be lower than the surrounding chimes
7. Thread ribbon through the two holes at the top
8. Leave enough space to hang the chime and secure in a bow- superglue the bow so it doesn't unravel



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B. Seashell Windchime

Total Time: 1 hour

Requires Adult Supervision

Materials:

- Starfish
- Sea glass
- Seashells
- Fish wire
- Drill

Instructions:

1. Use a small drill bit and drill through the starfish, shells, and sea glass
2. Cut 6 lines- one longer than the others for middle line
3. String the hanging items- alternate big and small pieces
4. String middle line with just sea glass
5. Knot the fishing line- make sure it's big enough that it can't be pulled through the hole
6. Repeat for each piece of shell/glass that you want to add to the line
7. Secure to the starfish, thread up through the bottom of the starfish and tie another knot.
8. Thread middle line through the bottom of the starfish and secure in place with several knots above the starfish.
9. Create a loop at the top, feed it back through the starfish and secure with several knots at the bottom of the starfish.

C. Macrame Windchime

Total Time: 1 hour

Materials:

- Yarn
- Chimes
- 3-inch gold macrame rings
- 1.5-inch gold macrame ring
- Fishing line
- Gold split rings
- Scissors
- Super glue
- Masking or washi tape

Instructions:

1. Measure and cut eight 115-inch (9 feet 7 inch) pieces of yarn, one 5-foot piece, and one 2.5-foot piece
2. Line up the eight long pieces, find the center, and fold in half so you will have 16 pieces of yarn to knot. Tape a couple inches from the top to create a loop. Set the two remaining pieces of yarn aside.
3. Divide the yarn into four sets of four, and start knotting- some patterns could be square knot and/or half square knot spiral
4. Add the 3-inch rings to pull the strands apart, using a Square Knot- used a little super glue to keep the strands in place
5. When finished knotting, tie strands with a knot and cut off the excess string
6. Attach your chimes to the split rings, and put them on the macrame ring
7. Tie the small macrame ring on fishing line and attach to the loop at the top of hanger, make sure it's long enough for the ring to hit the chimes