

How to Make a Wooden Wind Chime

An easy, fun and musical craft to create with your family!
Once complete, your wooded wind chime can be hung on a tree, fence, window or anything else you have in the garden. It can be painted or left its natural colour. Either way, the birds will love your new creation.

MATERIALS

Gather supplies:

- Twigs, sticks or branches
- Nails or screws
- Hammer or screwdriver
- String or fishing line.

Optional

- Paint

BUILDING

If you would like to create a colourful wind chime, start by painting your sticks. You can leave them their natural colour if you prefer.

Ask an adult to help you add the nails or screws to the tops of the sticks. You then need to tie a length of string or fishing line around each one (see image to the right)

Tie the other ends of the string to a horizontal stick or branch. Do this with all your sticks.

Finally, tie the string to either side of the horizontal stick or branch so that your wind chime can be hung up!



How to Make a Nature Boat

If you have a pond or lake near to where you live you can make a nature boat to float and bob in the water. You can even make it for a sink or bathtub. Making multiple boats, or getting a friend to create one too, will mean that you can race your boats against each other!

MATERIALS

Gather supplies, most of which are natural objects.

- Twigs, sticks or branches
- Reeds or string
- Leaves
- Flowers

Optional

- Paint

BUILDING

If you want to paint your sticks to make your boat more colourful, do so at the beginning and ensure they are dry before you start putting your boat together.

Bunch your collection of twigs, sticks and branches together and tie them with your reeds or string (see image to the right). You may need to snap them first to make sure they are of similar length. This is the base of your boat. Place it in the water to see which way up it floats.

Once you know which way up it floats, you can add your decorations. You could add a leaf flag or a flower steering wheel! Use your imagination to make your boat stand out.



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