

Wind Chimes

Celebrate the sounds of spring with wind chimes. Make wind chimes out of recyclable plastic lids and remember Earth Day all year long.



What you will need:

- Plastic lids (bottle caps, jar lids, milk jug lids, syrup bottle lids, etc). Make sure you have one lid that is larger than the others.
- Beads
- String or yarn
- Needle
- Hammer and nail

Note: Before you start, decide on the number of chimes you would like to have hanging down. This will determine the amount of supplies you need.

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What to do:

- Chose a larger lid that will be the top piece of the windchimes (in the picture above it is the red lid at the top) Have a grownup put holes in the corners of the top piece using a hammer and nail so each of your windchimes can be attached.
- Have a grownup put one hole in each of your smaller lids so string can go through them.
- Cut your string into pieces. The number of pieces is the number of chimes you will have. The length of the string is up to you.
- Take one of the smaller lids and loop the string through the hole you made. Tie a few knots around the lid attach it to the end of the string.
- Thread a combination of beads and lids to your string and tie knots to secure them.
- Stop threading before you reach the top to leave space to attach your chimes.
- To attach the chimes to the top piece, have a grownup poke a needle through one of the holes they made in the top piece. Thread the string through the hole and tie several knots to secure it.
- Repeat the previous step for the remaining chime strings.
- To make the hanger, poke another hole in the center of the top lid. Thread the string through the hole, slip it through a bead, knot the bead in place, and tie a loop for hanging. If you have a metal key ring you can add that for extra strength.

Bonus Challenge: Make another project that can hang outside your home, recycled bird feeders! Check out these [ideas](#).