

Beaded Wind Chime

Materials needed to complete project

Included in kit:

- Small bag of assorted beads
- 3 bells
- A length of nylon beading thread
- A length of twine

Not included in kit:

- A stick or similar object
- Glue

Instructions:

1. Find a stick, dowel, paper towel tube, or similar object to be the top of your wind chime.
2. Sort and arrange your beads, if desired, and otherwise plan the look you want for the wind chime. Decide how many strands you want your wind chime to have. Cut the nylon thread into that number of pieces.
3. Tie a bell to one end of the first strand, leaving a few inches of excess thread at the end of the knot.
4. Begin stringing the beads onto your strand, making sure to leave a few inches empty at the end.
5. Set the first strand aside, and repeat this process for each of the other strands.
6. Before attaching the strands to your top piece, lay them out and make any adjustments to length or bead order so they look exactly how you want them to.
7. Take the first strand and loop the excess thread from the untied end over your stick. Tie a secure knot where the beads meet the stick, and thread the rest of the excess thread back through the beads to hide it - don't cut it off close to the knot or it may untie! *Do the same with the excess thread where you tied the bell or the first bead on your strand by threading that tail back up through the beads.*
8. Repeat this process with the rest of your beaded strands until they are all tied on to the top of your wind chime.
9. Create a hanger for your wind chime by wrapping one end of the twine around one end of your stick and securing it with a knot and some glue if necessary. Let enough of the twine be slack so that you can use it to hang the wind chime, and



wrap the other end of the twine around the other end of your stick and secure it with a knot and glue, as well.

10. Cut any excess twine off and decorate the stick, if desired.

Tips and Suggestions:

- *Feel free to add metal or wooden objects, or other beads you may have. Not every strand needs to have a bell, but feel free to add more if you have them - the sound of the wind chime comes from both the bells and the other objects being blown together in the wind.*
- *When choosing the top piece for your wind chime, try to choose something sturdy. If you use an empty paper towel roll tube or similar, make sure your wind chime is in a semi-protected area when you hang it.*
- *If you find it difficult to thread the beads onto the thread, you can try using a small sewing or beading needle to help with the process.*