

Art Activity

Create your own Wind Chime!

Take & Make: Wind Chime

Ages: 6+

Collection: American

Culture/Region:

Subject Area: Fine Arts, Visual Arts

Activity Type: Hands-On Activity

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Wind chimes are decorative arrangements of small pieces of glass, metal or other materials that hang from a frame and make a jingling or tinkling sound when they are moved. Today people hang wind chimes in their gardens, on their porches, or by windows.

Thousands of years ago, wind chimes were made from shells and bone and were used throughout the world for a variety of purposes; making music for religious ceremonies, bringing good luck and scaring birds away from crops.

Today's tubular wind chimes are made with different sizes of hollow, metal, "tubes" that were inspired by the sounds made by church bells.

Now it's your turn! Follow the directions below to create your own tubular wind chime!

Materials:

- Paper lid
- Yarn/string
- Beads
- Bells
- Chimes
- Twist tie
- **Optional:** shells, old keys, or other small metal/wooden/plastic objects

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1. Use the crayons or paint to design and color the white lid. You may also use a paper or plastic cup.

2. Make 5-6 holes around the rim of the cup and tie a piece of yarn or string through each of the holes.



3. String 5-6 beads on each string. You can also use shells, old keys, or other plastic, wooden, or metal objects that would create a sound. Tie a knot around the last bead at the bottom to secure it. Cut the excess string.



4. Create two small holes in the center of the cup or lid.
5. Insert the piece of string through the precut holes in the center of the lid. Pull the string up slightly so that a small loop is showing on the top of the lid.



6. Tie the ends of the string together on the inside of the lid and tie another piece of string to the end.



7. Tie a bell, shells, or beads to the bottom of the string and hang your new wind chime for all to see!



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Bell, 14th-18th century

[Unknown \(Artist\)](#)

Mali, Niger Inland Delta Region, Africa

Copper alloy

92.47