

Make your own wind chime

BRING NATURE HOME ACTIVITY

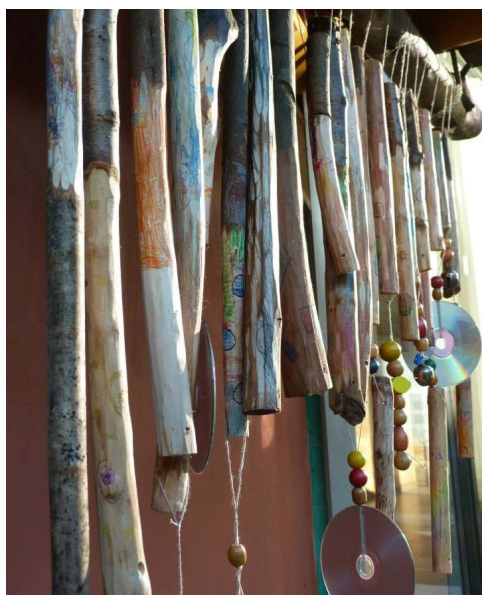
There are so many things to do on windy days. This activity is a great way to use those sticks you collected on a woodland walk!



1 Collect some pieces of wood - from the woods or use garden prunings. Straight pieces are the best!

2 Whittle the wood (remove the bark) using a potato peeler. Whittling wood with children is great fun! Some will find it easier than others. With any whittling, either with a knife or a potato peeler, the cut should be made away from the body.

Remember to wear a glove on the hand holding the wood, and protect your legs - no shorts!



3 Once the bark is off you can decorate your wood with crayons. Make a hole at the bottom and thread beads, buttons, CDs or whatever your imagination comes up with.

4 Finally make a hole at the top of each wind chime and use string to tie them to a long straight piece of wood for hanging.



Top Tip If you make the lengths of wood different then the sound will vary.

5 If you enjoyed this activity you could also try making wind decorations and flowing wind flags, using strips of material, feathers, beads and ribbon.

Don't forget to share pictures of your wind chimes with us on Facebook and Twitter!

