

Silverware Wind Chimes

Creatively reuse old materials to make a unique wind chime!

Supplies:

- Old silverware, various shapes and kinds.
- Wire
- Beads (reuse old necklaces for a wide variety of beads)
- Needle nose pliers
- Wire cutter
- Hammer or mallet

1. Pick out which pieces of silverware you would like to have hanging, and either a fork or some other kitchen utensil to hang it all from.

2. Using the hammer on a solid surface, flatten silverware as much as possible.

3. Bend and twist the silverware as you like using a needle nose pliers. Some pieces of silverware are thicker than others. If you are having trouble, clamp the silver into a c-clamp, and then bend it with the pliers. Don't forget to bend the prongs of the fork you are hanging from to form a circular hook to tie the silverware from!

4. Wrap wire around the tips of silverware and form a small circle at top of each handle.

If you prefer a hole to hang the silverware from a hole, use a 1/8" or bigger metal drill bit and a power drill to drill holes in the handle of each piece of silverware.

5. Tie a 1-foot piece of fishing line to each piece of hanging silverware, through the circle made with the wire.

5. String each fishing line with beads, and finish by tying each string to the curved prongs of the fork you are hanging it all from.

Make sure each knot is secure, and your wind chime is complete!

