



Craft
Ages 3–5
20–30 minutes

Nature Wind Chime

Description

Participants will make a wind chime using various materials

Staff can customize their own craft kits with whatever materials they have as a take-home activity

Read-aloud Story

Read a nature story to connect to the activity

Number of Participants

For any number of participants

Space Considerations

An indoor space where participants can be seated to do an activity

Competencies

- Artistic expression
- Creative and imaginative thinking
- Creative expression
- Development of fine motor skills
- Spatial relationships

Materials

- Paper plate
- Packing tape or contact paper
- Fallen pieces of nature, dried material or plastic material resembling pieces of nature
- String, yarn or ribbon
- Wooden beads or bells
- Markers, pencil crayons or crayons (optional)

- Scissors (adult use only)
- Hole puncher (optional)

Preparation

- Pre-cut circles in the plates (optional)
- Distribute plates to participants
- Distribute materials

Implementation

1. Collect pieces of nature that have fallen to the ground or dried materials or plastic materials that resemble nature
2. Cut a circle out of the plate



3. Cover the back of the circle with packing tape or contact paper and press down on the tape to secure it



4. Cut excess tape around the rim of the plate



5. Add pieces of nature that have fallen to the ground, dried plants or flowers or plastic nature material. This example includes plastic berries and flowers, real dried lavender and small rocks in the circle of the chime



6. Add beads or bells to a piece of string, yarn or ribbon by tying knots between beads, and then attach it to the back of the wind chime. Then add a string, yarn or ribbon to the top to hang.



Accessibility Considerations

- Offer kids a variety of instruments to colour their plate, and encourage them to choose what they feel most comfortable with
- Add strings with beads on them at the bottom of the sun catcher to turn the activity into a “wind chime” with sound for kids with visual disabilities
- Pre-cut and hole punch plates at the top and bottom for the strings
- Pre-cut strips of packing tape or contact paper
- Pre-cut contact paper and string, yarn or ribbon
- Offer easy-grip scissors

Book Suggestions

Expedition Backyard: Exploring Nature from Country to City by Rosemary Mosco and Binglin Hu

Nature is an Artist by Jennifer Lavalley and Natalia Colombo

The Secret Signs of Nature: How to Uncover Hidden Clues in the Sky, Water, Plants, Animals and Weather by Craig Caudill and Carrie Shryock

Percy’s Museum by Sara O’Leary and Carmen Mok

Stand Like a Cedar by Nicola I. Campbell and Carrielynn Victor

Mii maanda ezhi-gkendmaanh / This Is How I Know by Brittany Luby and Joshua Mangeshig Pawis-Steckley

Thunder and the Noise Storms by Jeffrey Ansloos, Shezza Ansloos and Joshua Mangeshig Pawis-Steckley

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