

Wind Chimes

Encourage children to look outside for materials that can be used to make wind chimes - gumnuts, seed pods, bits of bark, shells, twigs and leaves. Using the items you have collected outside, create your own wind chimes that you can hang up and watch flutter in the breeze.

What to do:

Time to explore and create!

- + Go for an adventure walk and collect an assortment of natural materials to make your wind chime
- + Select a strong branch/stick to hang your objects on
- + Paint your stick using your favourite colours or use wool, ribbon, string or reeds to wind around the branch
- + If you have used paint, give it time to dry so that you don't smudge it off
- + Tie your decorative materials to the branch. You could also use a hole punch to thread them through



What you need:

- + A sturdy stick
- + String or wool
- + Paints/brushes
- + Gumnuts
- + Pinecones
- + Leaves
- + Feathers
- + Bush flowers

There are so many natural materials to find. Let your imagination lead the way!



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INSPIRATION

+ Take a walk in the garden, to the park, through your local neighbourhood or venture into the bush to search for nature items

+ Explore the local landscape around you. Look at the different types of leaves, flowers, gumnuts, barks, birds and insects. Use your senses and experience the different textures, smells, sounds and sights

+ Make a wind chime for a friend. They make wonderful gifts.

+ Hang your wind chime outdoors under verandas, in trees, in your kitchen or play area. It is calming to lie down and watch the nature items drifting in the breeze.



Please note: Use materials that are age-appropriate. Always be mindful of choking hazards



This play experience is great way for children to connect with nature and country