Outside Art
Design an artwork inspired by your surroundings with an activity curated by CAMH’s Teen Council.

Instructions

1. Decorate Hoop
A wind chime is a decorative arrangement of items, typically hung outside, creating sound as it moves through the air. As you gather your materials, decide what to include by thinking about what you would like your wind chime to look and sound like. Your wooden hoop will serve as the base of your wind chime to hold your hanging items. Decorate your hoop by wrapping it in washi tape. Secure with clear tape as needed.

2. Create Hanger
To hang your wind chime, cut two pieces of string that are each 10-12 inches long. Tie one string to the opposite sides of your hoop. Repeat with your second string, but perpendicular to your first string. Create a loop and tie where the strings meet.

3. Attach your Chimes
Cut 3-8 pieces of yarn, at least 4 inches long. One at a time, attach one end of each string to your hoop with a double knot. Make sure there is an even amount of space between each string for balance. TIP: Use washi tape to hide the knot on the hoop.

4. Design Your Chimes
Use beads and knots to create patterns onto each hanging string. Then, add a shell on the end of your chime and double knot the end of the string. TIP: To make threading easier, wrap a small piece of tape around the end of the string to create a needle-like end.

5. Finishing Touches
Personalize your wind chime by adding to your hoop by tying on more strings with objects you can find around you, such as keys, rocks, leaves, bottlecaps, shells, etc.

Materials
- Wooden hoop
- Washi or other decorative tape, clear tape
- Yarn or string
- Beads, shells, or bells
- Scissors
5. Hang Your Wind Chime
Hook the loop at the end of your hanger up somewhere in your home to display your wind chime. We can connect to our surroundings by mindfully paying attention to what we see and hear. How does your wind chime look and sound?

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