

# Beaded Wind Chime



**Skill level:** Beginner

## You will need:

- Wooden dowel – 28cm length x 1cm diameter
- Strong, clear wire/fishing wire cut into 7 pieces. Each piece should be 80cm long.
- Glass beads (approx 1-1.5cm)
- 7 x size 6 glass seed beads
- Jute twine
- Acrylic paint/s
- Clear sealer – suitable for outdoor use
- Scissors
- Measuring tape/ruler
- Paintbrush for paint
- Brush for sealer
- Superglue (optional)

## Tips and ideas

- Use more or fewer wires of beads.
- Adjust the lengths of the bead strings to your liking.
- Use a thick stick instead of the dowel, leaving it unpainted for a natural look.
- Use up beads, buttons and bells etc. from your craft stash.
- This is a great activity for older children to work on.

**To make:**

1. Use the acrylic paint/s to paint the wooden dowel the colour you would like. When dry, apply a layer of sealer.



2. Take one of the pieces of wire and fold it in half.  
Place the wire in the middle of the dowel with one half of wire hanging over each side.  
Tie three tight knots, securing the wire to the dowel. You should now have two equal pieces of wire, hanging from the dowel.  
Take your beads and thread them on to the wire, ensuring both pieces of the wire are threaded.  
When you have added the number of beads you would like, thread a seed bead on to one of the two pieces of wire and tie it on with three knots using both pieces of wire. You may wish to also add a spot of superglue to the knot.  
Trim any excess wire underneath the knot.



3. Attach another piece of wire to the dowel (as above) 2cm along from the beaded wire.

As in the previous step, add on the beads you would like, finishing with the seed bead.

Add five more pieces of beaded wire, evenly distributing them along the length of the dowel.





4. Cut a piece of jute twine 40cm long. Take one end of the twine and attach it to one end of the dowel with a double knot. Repeat on the other end of the dowel to create a hanging for the wind chime.

