

Art-Venture: Driftwood Wind Chime

Materials

- Driftwood: You can collect driftwood along creeks, streams and rivers - you can also purchase some online or at a craft store.
- Thread: Natural Hemp, Cotton Twine, or whatever suits the look you are going for!
- Drill & Drill Bits: Select drill bits that work for drilling in wood - and are large enough for your thread.



Instructions

Collect & Clean Driftwood

- If you collected your driftwood, clean the pieces with some water and a brush to remove dirt and debris. Spread the driftwood on the ground and let it dry in the sun. Then, spend some time trying out different combinations and designs!

Drill Holes

- Using your drill bits, drill holes that are big enough to thread the twine through - but not too big to risk splitting the dry wood. Depending on your pattern, you may drill closer to the edge of the wood...or through the center!
- Tip: Make sure to use some kind of drill stand to help clamp your piece in place in a sturdy position.

Thread the Twine

- Now, thread the twine through the holes in the wood. The twine should not be cut too short, otherwise the driftwood pieces won't clink together as nicely.

Tips & Tricks

- Have fun & experiment! You can try different patterns, lengths, and amount of wood.

Fun Fact: Wind chimes are a percussion instrument made from dangling tubes, rods, or bells that create sounds with the movement of air. The oldest wind chimes found by archeologists date back 5,000 years! Many farmers and sailors continue to use wind chimes to check current weather conditions. They hang the wind chimes in various areas to track wind direction and speed.