

# Wine Bottle Wind Chime

## SUPPLIES

- Bottle of your choice
- Lightweight chain or fishing line; twice as long as the bottle
- 2 split rings like from key rings; one must be large enough it will not go through the neck of the bottle
- Wooden ball, bead, or small wooden wheel
- Florist or jewelry wire or small eye hooks
- Something to hang from the chain to catch the wind

## TOOLS

- Tile saw or bottle cutter
- Safety goggles
- Work gloves
- Wire cutters
- Tape measure or ruler
- Hot glue gun

## STEP 1

Cut the bottom off the bottle. This can be done with a tile saw or with a glass cutter. If using a glass cutter, score the bottle all the way around. Then dip the bottom of the bottle into boiling water, to just above the score line created by the glass cutter. Now dip it into a bowl of ice water. This should cause the bottle to split along the score line. You may have to alternate back and forth a few times.

## STEP 2

Sand the bottom of the bottle. Start with coarse, then medium, then fine (like 400 grit). Keep the bottom of the bottle wet. Make sure the edge is smooth before the set your gloves aside.

## STEP 3

Decide how long you want your chain. Measure from just below the neck of the bottle. Cut the chain to length. If in doubt cut it long.

## STEP 4

Attach one of the split rings to the end of the chain. From the bottom of the bottle, feed the loose end of the chain through the neck of the bottle. Now put the other split ring on the loose end. This will give you something to hang the bottle from and prevent the chain from slipping out of the bottle.

## STEP 5

Attach another piece of chain to the split ring that is in the bottle. You will attach the clapper of the chime to this length so it should not hang below the bottom of the bottle. Attach your wooden ball, bead, or wooden wheel. This can be done with a little florist or jewelry wire twisted into a figure eight and run through the hole (if there is one) or using a couple of eye hooks screwed into the wood. Either

way there should be a loop to attach to the split ring on one side and to the last piece of chain on the other.

#### **STEP 6**

Attach the wind catch to the end of the final piece of chain using florist or jewelry wire.

#### **Additions**

If you are using a clear bottle and want to add some color, you could use fishing line and thread beads on to it. Just be sure and make loops at the ends where you will need to attach the split rings.

If things aren't staying in place you can use hot glue to hold things until everything is linked together,

