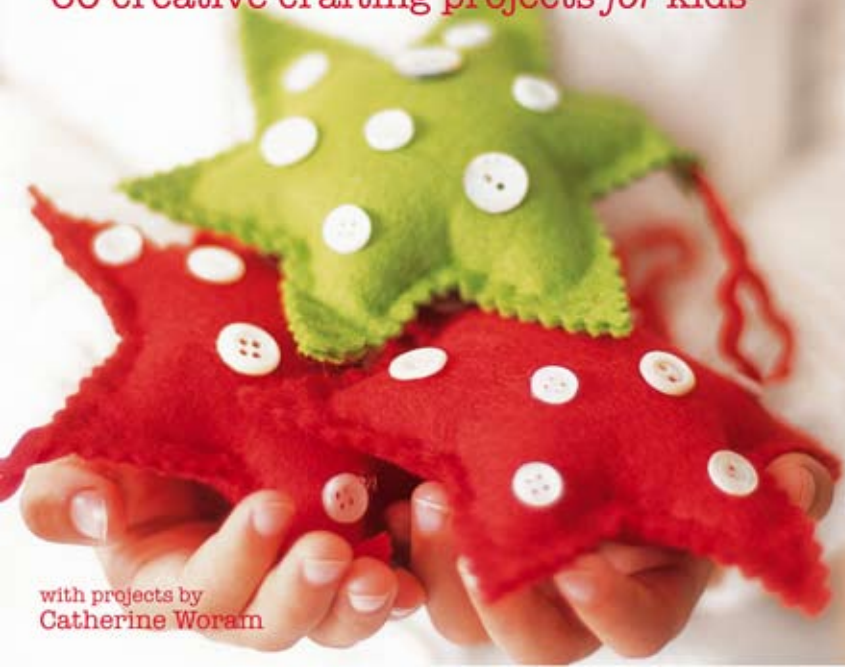


what shall we do today?

60 creative crafting projects for kids



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tin can windchime

Make a musical windchime using an old tin can and pretty glass beads, then hang it from a tree in the yard. The tin is pierced with small holes for fixing the hanging decorations, so it's important to ask an adult to do this before starting the project.



1 PIERCE HOLES Ask an adult to pierce the holes in the tin before you start. You need two holes either side of the open end of the tin for the hanging wire. On the bottom of the tin, pierce one hole in the center, four holes evenly spaced around the outside edge of the tin, and four holes evenly spaced around the central hole. Now use a fine paintbrush to paint four narrow stripes around the outside of the tin, using the ridges of the tin as an outline.



2 START THREADING Cut a length of thread 8in/20cm long and then attach one of the metal bells to the bottom, knotting it several times to secure. Begin threading four glass beads onto the string.



3 TIE ON BELLS Repeat until you have made four bead lengths. We used pretty colored glass beads, but you could use varnished wood beads for a more natural effect.



4 THREAD ON CLAPPER Take a length of thread approximately 8in/20cm long and attach a bell to the end. Knot securely in place. Thread on the metal clapper, so that it hangs from the bottom of the cotton, just above the bell.



5 THREAD ON CHIMES Cut a piece of thread approximately 12in/30cm long. Double it, and knot the ends. Now thread it through the hole in the tubular chime and pull through so that it forms a loop.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED

- clean tin can with one end removed
- awl for punching holes
- fine paintbrush
- acrylic paint for stripes
- strong thread
- scissors
- 5 small jingle bells
- 20 large beads and 9 small beads
- 1 metal clapper
- four tubular chimes
- 12in/30cm fine wire for hanging



6 TIE ON THREAD The tubular chimes, clapper and beaded decorations are all attached to the inside of the tin by feeding the thread through the holes in the tin base and pulling through. The clapper must go through the central hole in the bottom of the tin and the tubular chimes around this. Finally, thread the beaded decorations through the outside holes.



7 FIX WIRE HANDLE Thread a 12in/30cm length of fine wire through the two holes punched in the sides of the top (open) end of the tin. Twist the wire around itself to secure in place. This is the loop from which to hang your windchime.



8 FINISHING Gather all the pieces of thread together, push the ends through a bead, and knot securely. The bead will prevent the pieces of thread slipping through the hole in the base.

