



Encounter Craft - 17th June This week - Outside Ornaments

**Whether you have a garden, a balcony or a window
you can create something to make it pretty!**

Key Wind Chimes



Keys are great for making a wind chime! Find old keys (checking they are old first!). Make sure they are clean and then paint them, preferably in acrylic paints if you have them. To make them waterproof you will need to add craft varnish. Prepare a long, strong twig in the same way. Thread string through the holes in the top of the keys and then knot securely just above the key. Tie the other end

firmly to the twig. When the keys are all attached you can then tie string to either end of the twig and attach it to a branch or part of your window.

Tin Can Windsock

These look so fun as they catch the breeze! You just recycle old tins. Both the top and bottom of the tins need to be removed with a tin opener and labels removed. Make sure there are no sharp edges – (ask an adult to do this for you). Paint the tins in bright colours. If you are able to varnish them, this will make the colours last longer. Next, glue strips of material or ribbons to the inside of the bottom of the tin. You can use sticky tape but again, glue will last longer. Then attach lengths of ribbon to the top so you can tie them to something to suspend them in the breeze!





CD Wind Spinners



I love these! So pretty! Old CDs (check they are old!) are decorated with stickers and stick-on gems. A thread, string or ribbon goes through the middle to then hang them up. CDs are great to use as they are reflective and so catch the light beautifully.

Here, CDs have been turned into funky fish! The centre makes a perfect big eye and then foam sheets have been cut into shape to produce lips, fins and tails. If your fish will be hanging inside from a window you could use card to make these parts as they will not need to be waterproof.



Plastic Bottle Wind Spirals



Re-using plastic bottles is a great bit of recycling! These wind spirals look delicate and colourful. Use permanent marker pens to colour them first – either vertically (up and down the bottle) or horizontally (around the bottle). Cut off the bottom of the bottle. Take off the cap and pierce the bottle near the first rib of plastic with your scissors. Then cut down through the whole bottle in a spiral – as if you are going around a helter-skelter! If you make several you can then thread them onto a stick or a branch to make a beautiful rainbow curtain that dances in the wind!



HAVE FUN!!