

URBAN GARDEN PROGRAM

MAKING GARDEN & Yard ORNAMENTS

Beautify your garden with a few recycled items! Look around the house for shells, beads, wood, crystal, ceramic, glass, old CDs, and glistening or reflective items. Items that sparkle, shimmer, or shine will deter hungry birds and other nibblers at your garden. Also gather some fishing line (which now comes in a myriad of fun colors), 20 to 24-gauge wire, wood pieces, old chandeliers, etc.! Be creative!

For a wind chime, look around for an item such as a wire clothes hanger, strong tree branch, wood/plastic/metal handle/piece from any item, metal craft ring, large round plastic lid, chandelier, etc., for the top. String your whimsical items on double strands of fishing line, adding an extra heavy piece at the bottom for weight. You may choose to place a knot below each item, or wrap and loop items with wire and slide them onto the string. Add as many strands to your top base as you'd like. A bell at the bottom adds a nice touch, too!

For wire hanging ornaments, follow the instructions to make a wind chime using wire rather than fishing line. Form wire to create interesting shapes by wrapping around a jar, block of wood or spiraling around a magic marker. Hang from a screw hook, planter hanger, or tree limbs.

*There is no other door to knowledge than the door nature opens;
there is no other truth except the truths we discover in nature.*

—Luther Burbank

*I grow plants for many reasons: to please my eye or to please my soul,
to challenge the elements or to challenge my patience,
for novelty or for nostalgia,
but mostly for the joy in seeing them grow.*

—David Hobson

*Everything that slows us down and forces patience,
everything that sets us back into the slow circles of nature, is a help.
Gardening is an instrument of grace.*

—May Sarton