

## UPCYCLED DIAMOND WIND CHIME

by Rosie Tacon Glass

We'll be using lots of recycled materials in this design, so have a little root through your recycling bins... Be careful, and remember to wash your tin cans before you use them!

### THINGS YOU WILL NEED

PVA Glue  
Brush for glue  
Ruler  
Pencil  
Scissors  
Sellotape  
Wire or string

### MATERIALS

1 tin can  
Old keys/bottle tops for wind chime  
2 x pieces of 6" x 6" cardboard (cut from an old cardboard box)  
Labels from tin cans/Magazines  
Washi Tape (If you don't have this - don't worry!)



### TOP TIP! HOW TO SOAK LABELS FROM TIN CANS...

You can remove labels from aluminium cans really easily. Just put them in a washing up bowl for 10 minutes to loosen the glue and gently peel them off. Then lay them down to dry on a tea towel. (Remember to re-label any cans you use with a permanent marker if they're still full so they can be identified later!)

### LET'S GET STARTED!

- 1 Using the width of your ruler, draw a line all the way round both of your squares of cardboard. These will be your guide lines. Cut the inside squares out with your scissors and if you need to cut across one side to get into the middle of your shape - don't worry, you can tape it up after. Use your sellotape to firmly attach both squares together. Turn on it's side. You have a diamond!!
- 2 Cut your bits of magazine or labels from tin cans into strips.
- 3 Cover your table with a waterproof cloth - or find an old tray that it's OK to use for gluing! Use your brush to coat a strip of paper in glue (remember not to overload it) and then wrap the strip of paper around your cardboard diamond. Keep going! The aim is to glue strips of paper onto your shape until all the cardboard is covered.
- 4 PVA Glue doesn't take that long to dry but if you have a hairdryer handy to speed things up - this can help! You could use washi tape if you have any once the glue is dry - to add more decoration to your shape.
- 5 To make your shape super resilient to the weather, wind sellotape all around it to seal all your paper strips in - this will make it weather-proof!



### TOP TIP!

If you'd like to create your own washi tape, cut strips of anything and stick face down onto sellotape! Easy!

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### NEXT STEPS...

By now your shape will be looking something like this!

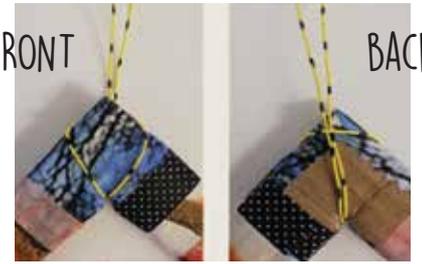


So, let's look at how to make the other parts of our wind chime...

**6** Cut 2 x 60cm lengths of wire or string. Make a loop in your wire/string and place over the top of your shape. Make sure it is in the centre & feed it through the inside to look like this.

FRONT

BACK



**7** Make a second loop exactly the same way, but this time pull the two strands down, so you have 2 going up and 2 going down!



**8** Now - decorate your can! You can use anything you like. But make sure that if you decorate your tin can with anything that would dissolve in the rain, cover everything with a layer of Sellotape!

### PREPARING YOUR CAN AND ATTACHING IT TO YOUR WIND CHIME!

**9** You need something to make a jingling sound inside your can! You could use old keys or key rings, ring pulls, old jewellery, whatever you have that is unwanted around the house! So, whatever you've found to put inside your can to make it jingle, loop it onto the middle of a piece of 60cm wire or string in the same way that you made your loops in Step 6 above.



**10** Now you need to make a hole in the underneath of your can! Ask a grown up to do this for you, if you are under 16. You need to use a nail and a hammer to bash a small hole through the middle of the base of the tin. Thread your string with the jingly bits on through the hole, so that your chime sits inside the can. Secure with a knot.



**11** Next, thread some other jangly bits you have found onto the two strands of wire inside your diamond shape. (Wire is great way to do this, as you can fold it upwards and twist it to secure!)

### FASTENING IT ALL TOGETHER

**12** Secure the tin can - so that it hangs from the base of your diamond shape - using the wire/string coming from the hole in the bottom of the can. Twist the strands of wire onto the inside of your shape and tuck behind!

You've done it!

All you need to do now is find somewhere for it to hang!

### TOP TIP!

If you can get onto the internet - you can watch a step-by-step guide showing you how to make this wind chime!

You can find the video here:

<https://youtu.be/7fOPtOzd-38>

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Here are some examples of her amazing collage work!



*"Most of all, I enjoy spending time with creative people, working on inspirational projects, like my amazing friends at The Exchange Creative Community CIC. Through art we can help improve people's sociability, sense of identity and wellbeing in a world where isolation is sadly becoming more commonplace.*

*The Exchange CIC has been a beacon in my life as well as in the lives of many others - a beacon shining in sunny Morecambe! I find that shared creativity can transcend all barriers, overcome all obstacles and ultimately enforce a tight knit community cohesion. We're better together!"*



HOPE YOU ENJOYED MAKING YOUR WIND CHIME FROM UPCYCLED MATERIALS FOUND AROUND YOUR HOME! AND LEARNING ABOUT HOW TO REPURPOSE THINGS AND GIVE THEM A NEW LIFE!

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