

### Materials:

- 8 Craft Tubes / 4 Paper Towel Tubes
- Rigid plastic straws
- String or Yarn
- Scissors and Invisible Tape
- Toothpicks
- Xacto Knife
- Ticky Tack / Putty or Similar Adhesive
- Decorating materials
- Optional: small craft bells



### Step 1 Decorate Your Tubes

Decide how you'd like to decorate your cardboard tubes. An easy way is to roll them up in colorful craft paper and sealing the paper with invisible, electrical, or decorative tape.

### Step 2 Create Your Balance Points

Poke holes finger-width from the top of each tube with Xacto knife. Insert a toothpick into the first hole and push the toothpick through to create the balance connection for your chime.

### Step 3 (Optional) Attach Craft Bells

String craft bells together onto a 5-7" piece of string. Tie knots at each bell and secure the string to your toothpick with a knot. Make sure you have about the same weight on each.

### Step 4 Cut Rigid Plastic Straw in Half

Cut your rigid plastic straw in half. This will be the suspension crux of your wind chime.

### Step 5 Tie A Transom Knot

Use a bit of ticky tack to secure your straws in an X or cross shape. Cut off about two feet of string and center it in the middle of your straws. Then tie a Transom Knot to keep the shape intact. The excess string will be used to hang your wind chime.

[Learn how to tie a transom knot](#)



### Step 6 Attach String To Balance Points

Cut two pieces of string, one shorter and one longer. You can play with length here but just be sure your shortest string is at least a foot long. Thread one string into the straw and connect both ends to two of your chimes.

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