



# RAINBOW WIND CHIMES

Natural elements spark all kinds of curiosity, and when kids create something from what they find outside, it holds a special kind of magic. These wind chimes will exercise their curiosity, their senses, and their motor skills, too!

## MATERIALS



Sticks



Craft Varnish



Sanding Block



Small Screw Eyes



Paint



Twine, Fishing Line, or Yarn

## INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Start by going for a walk together and collecting sticks of different sizes.
- 2 Have your kids use the sanding block to scrub the sticks and smooth them out, preparing them for paint.  
  
Your kids will love how different sanding makes the sticks feel. You can have them compare textures using words like rough and smooth, sharp and soft.
- 3 Let your kids choose which colors to paint the sticks, then paint them together and let them dry.
- 4 Give the painted sticks a coat or two of craft varnish. This is optional, but important if you want to protect the paint from the elements.
- 5 When the varnish is dry, attach the screw eyes into one end of each stick by pushing down and twisting.
- 6 Tie a long length of twine to each hook and head back outside.
- 7 Help your kids choose a branch to hang their wind chime on, and ask them what order they would like the colors to go in.
- 8 Hang the sticks, listen to their sounds as they knock together in the breeze, challenge your kids to jump and bat at them to create a new sound, and enjoy your one-of-a-kind yard art!