

How to Make a Wind Chime from a Pringles Can

This week our theme is 'night' and we've sent out some night-time music for you to listen to and enjoy. As night-time is usually a quiet time of day, our instrument this week is going to be quiet but still lots of fun to make!

You will need...

- One fully-sized grown-up (very important)
- An empty pringles can (other tubed crisps are also available!)
- A hole punch
- Ribbons, string, or the wrapper from a plastic bottle (any of these will do)
- Scissors
- Things to make sounds as they knock together. You can use lots of different things, but these could include: dry sticks that you may have found in the garden or on a walk; tiny pebbles and stones; bottle tops; old pens that have run out of ink; old earrings; pennies; foldback clips; paperclips; buttons. Small things that clink or bump, or things that aren't heavy are best as they will blow in the wind more easily.
- Optional: Aluminium Foil, felt tip pens or Sharpies, and a ruler

Step One (Optional):

Tear off enough aluminium foil in one go so that you can wrap it around the Pringles can later on. Then, if you want to, colour in one side of the aluminium foil in lots of different colours using pens or Sharpies for the sun to shine on. When dry, wrap your colourful aluminium foil around the Pringles can. Don't worry about wrinkles and don't worry if there's too much foil – you can tuck any leftover foil over the top and into your Pringles tube. You may find that you need to glue, Sellotape, or tack the foil down to keep it secure.

Step Two:

Ask your grown-up to use the hole-punch or scissors to make several holes around the Pringles lid. Then ask them to cut the ribbon or string into long pieces that are around the same length. Roughly 12 inches long is plenty. Lastly thread the pieces of ribbon or string through the lid and tie them up in pairs on the inside of the lid, so they're hanging down when you put the lid back on the Pringles can. You can also use the wrapper from a plastic bottle instead of string or ribbon: ask your grown-up to cut it into long strips and you can Sellotape it to the inside of the Pringles lid.

Step Three:

Attach the things that you've collected (like bottle tops, twigs, or pennies) to the other end of your ribbon, string or strips of bottle wrapping. Things like twigs or old pens you may want to tie to the other end with a knot. For other things like bottle tops, stones, or pennies, you may need to use Sellotape or a good strong glue. Once everything is attached, put the Pringles lid back on the tube.

Step Four:

Ask your grown-up to pierce two holes in the bottom of the Pringles can using scissors and thread some string or ribbon through one hole and out of the other, tying them together on the outside. For a slightly easier approach make just one hole in the bottom of the tube, poke some string or ribbon through the hole and tie it to a paperclip or two on the inside. This will stop the string or ribbon slipping out again. Lastly, hang your wind chime up near a window for the sun to reflect off and the wind to blow through.