

Make your own nail-chime!

These simple instruments make a lovely sound that represents “wind” or “Holy Spirit” in dramatic readings in worship.



Materials:

Wooden coat hanger, or driftwood, or approx. 8” of 1” x 1” wood stock
10-30 nails or bolts of assorted sizes with heads (Galvanized are best if you want them to stay shiny when exposed to weather or water)
Dental tape or floss (String tends to tangle; fishing line is difficult to handle.)
Glue (use non water-soluble if you wish to use your chime outside!)
A drill with a 1/8” bit

Directions:

Drill 1/8” diameter holes in your wooden holder, about 1” apart.
Tie a nail securely onto a piece of floss. Attach the free end of the floss to the hanger through a hole and glue it in place. Repeat this with the other nails or bolts until your holder is full. Allow glue to dry.

If using driftwood or a wooden block, create a single hanging thread out of additional dental tape using the two outer drilled holes to secure your tape, or two eye-hooks on the top of the block.

NOTE: To keep the chime balanced, you may wish to hang the longer nails in the middle -- or knot the hanging thread off-center in order to balance the chime.

Play the chime with a dowel rod, a large nail or bolt - or your fingers.

