

# MOUNTAIN INSTRUMENT MAKING

(Instrument making projects require adult supervision and assistance.)

## Nature Wind Chime

### **What You Need**

- 16" stick twig (size is optional) (Tip: To remove any bugs, soak the stick in water with bleach for a few hours or overnight.)*
- 24 small bells (all the same size or varied—we used frosted copper and silver bells to go with the natural look.)*
- Mini pine cones (You could use the scented ones sold during fall if wanted.)*
- About 7'–8' of fishing line or elastic line for jewelry*
- 1 to 3 large coffee filters or 2 small ones (You can also use construction paper or cardstock.)*
- Paint in leafy colors (yellow, red, orange, brown, or green)*
- Paint brush*
- Leaf pattern on page 101*
- Scissors*
- Twine, ribbon, or yarn (about 20")*
- Hot glue or Tacky glue*



### **What You Do**

1. Paint the coffee filters with the various leaf colors. Wait for them to dry completely. (Meanwhile, continue onto step 3.)
  2. Knot the twine around both ends of the stick to act as a hanger.
  3. Cut the fishing line into four 23" long pieces.
  4. Lay the stick down horizontally to determine where the line should hang. (Each piece should hang about 4" apart.)
  5. Tie the line onto the stick by wrapping it around the stick and knotting it.
  6. Wind the line from the top to the bottom of each pinecone and apply a drop of hot glue at the top and bottom of the pinecone to secure the line.
  7. String three bells about 2" below the pinecone. Scrunch the bells together and tie a knot around the three.
  8. Your coffee filters should be dry now. Using the pattern on page 101, cut out 16 leaves from the painted coffee filters.
  9. Arrange three leaves together in the form of a maple leaf shape and glue all of them together.
  10. Put the leaf under the line 2" below the bells and glue another leaf over the line, securing the string between the front and back of the leaf.
  11. String three more bells 2" from the leaf and tie them together.
  12. End the pattern on the string with another pinecone and secure with glue.
  13. Repeat the pattern with the remaining three strands of fishing line. (You can vary the position of the leaf for each string. Position it an inch lower than the first and alternate high and low for each string.)
- \*Hang your chimes with a nail or hook.