

HANGING MOBILE

Materials & Instructions

Materials:

Materials from which to hang objects – sturdy items such as dowels, chopsticks, skewers, hoops, branches, hangers, etc. These are your support pieces.

Objects to hang – fairly light weight two-dimensional or three-dimensional objects you have made or collected or objects found in nature

Hanging line – such as thread, string, fishing line, thin yarn or ribbon

Other items – white glue, some tape, scissors

Instructions:

Once you have selected your materials attach strings to your main support piece – one in the middle to hang the mobile from and one or more out toward each end to hang other support pieces and/or objects from.

At about the center of each smaller support piece tie to the strings hanging down. Tie strings from the ends of these supports to add more hanging supports or objects.

Begin to tie your objects to the strings. Try to balance everything you add. It is best to start at the top and work your way down so that each support is balanced as you add more objects. Small pieces of tape can be used to secure strings to supports once you have them balanced. Apply tape securely enough to keep the strings from sliding on the support but lightly enough so that you can move the string along the support if needed to adjust balance. When you have completed hanging and balancing you can carefully remove the pieces of tape and secure strings in position with a drop of glue. Your mobile might only have one or two layers of supports or it might go all the way to the ground. Hang in a suitable location and enjoy.