

Autumn hanging mobile

Simple, timeless and effective – all you need is a piece of string and some natural materials.

You will need

Basket or bag for collecting

String & scissors/knife

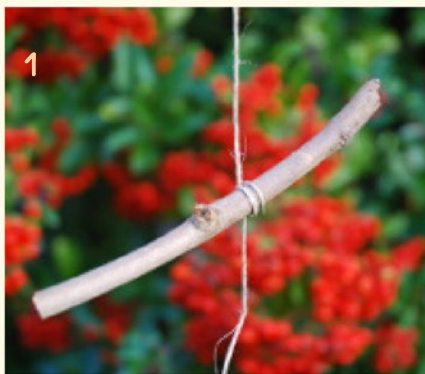
Also useful: palm drill, [conker clamp](#)

Preparation

Head out on a **nature-collecting hunt**, looking for items to add to your mobile – find as many different colours as you can. Include some **conkers** and **sticks** to make tiers.

Remember to only collect fallen items, not things that are still growing.

- Some items might need to be drilled ready for threading – a conker clamp is very useful!
- Cut some nice long lengths of **string**.
- Make a **needle** by finding a very thin stick and tying it onto the end of your string. Alternatively wind Sellotape tightly round the end of the string to make it rigid, or use large plastic threading needles.



STEP 1

Tie the loose end of the string to a small stick – this acts as your stopper.



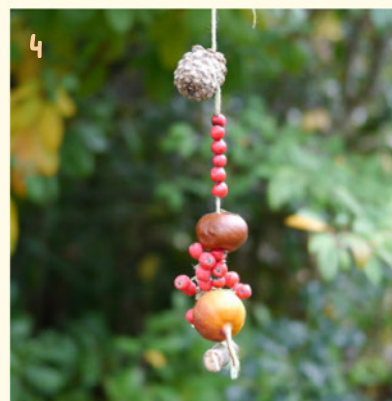
STEP 3

Once you have your first section complete tie another stick onto the string to make a gap – [a clove hitch](#) is good here, but anyhow you want to do it is fine.



STEP 2

Use your stick 'needle' to thread the natural materials onto the string – slide each item right down to the bottom, stacking them up on the stick.



STEP 4

Start threading your second layer – how and what you thread is entirely up to you. Add another stick for a third layer. Once you're done remove your needle and make a loop at the top for hanging, or finish off with one last stick.

Take it further

Go big and make a massive mobile by finding a couple of large sticks and connecting all the mobiles to them. They'll look great hung outdoors or indoors. Hang them horizontally to make festoons.

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