

# OT Friday Fun

## Fine Motor Newsletter



### Let's Make a Paper Wind Chime!

As your student's OT, I plan on providing you with a specific, fun activity week to encourage fine motor activities at home. Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions or concerns. Now... let's get started with making a homemade, paper wind chime!

#### Without a Printer:

- Measure each piece of paper based upon the measurements listed in the video link.
- Use the designated materials to make a wind chime while following the instructions on your screen.

#### Where to Place Your Chime:

- Outside the front door
- In the back yard
- In the kitchen above the table
- In your child's room by the window
- Anywhere else!

#### Ways to Incorporate Handwriting:

- Have your student write their name on each shape on the wind chime.
- Using lined paper, have your student write about where they want to hang their wind chime.
- Have your student copy a few of the sentences from the instructions on how to make the windchime.
- Copy the words for all of the colors your student sees when they look at the wind chime.
- Have your student write a summary pertaining to the history of wind chimes.

Please contact me if you have any questions. Happy chiming!

# Let's Make a Wind Chime!



## Materials Needed:

- Paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- String
- 2 Straws
- 1 Needle (string needs to go through the needle)

## Reference:

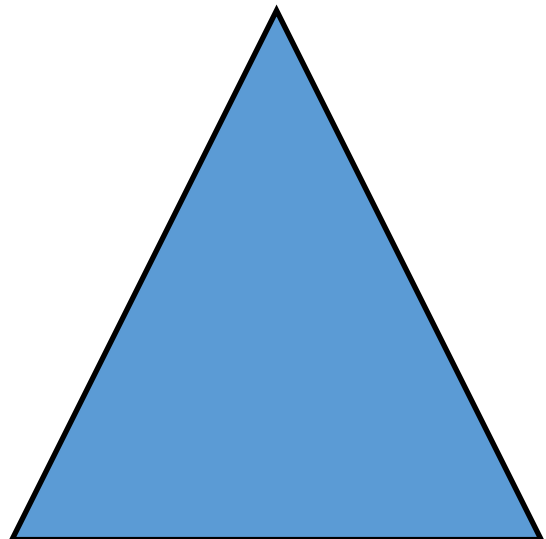
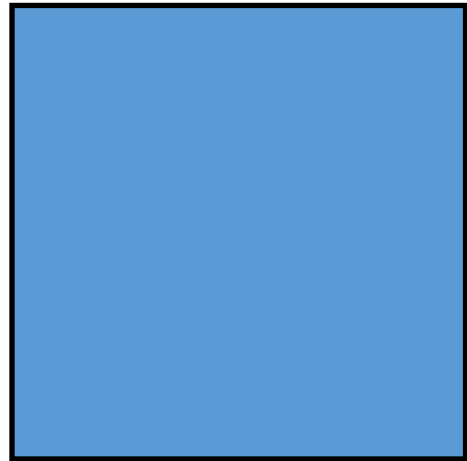
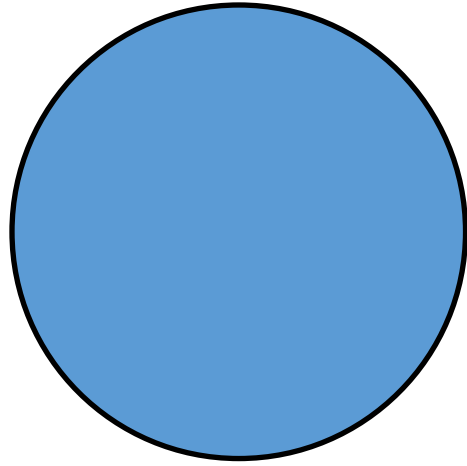
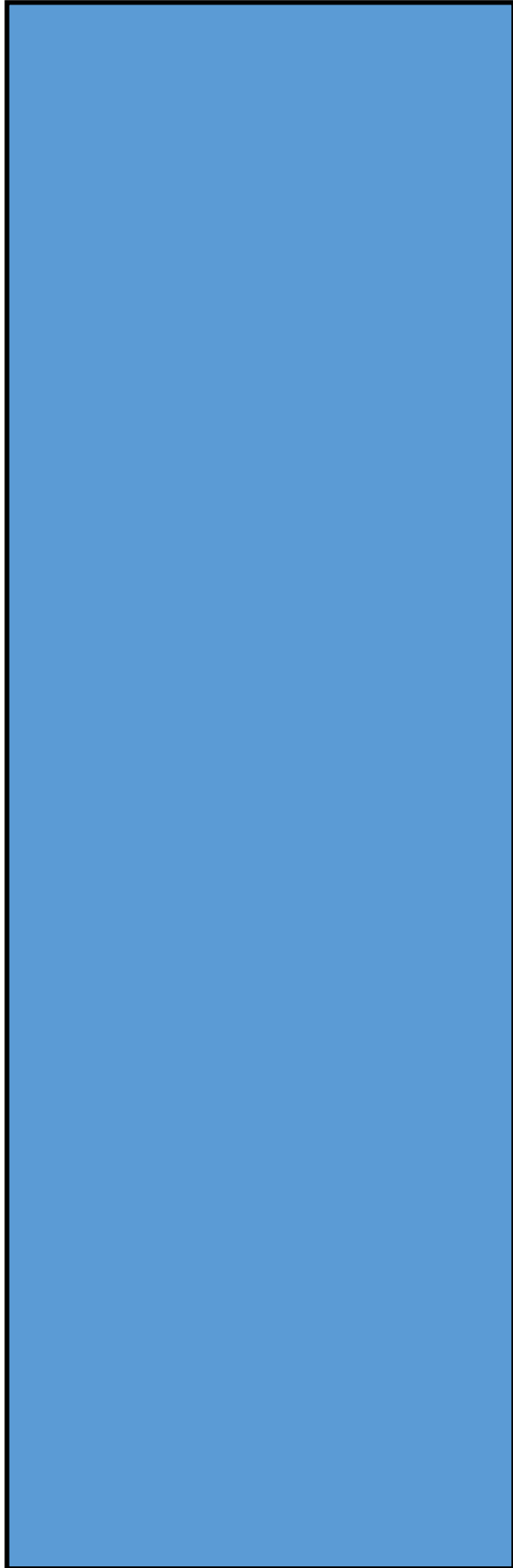
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SmcNSIfzIqE>

The above link includes a video for making a chime with 3-D instead of 2-D shapes.

## Instructions:

1. Using the template on the next page, trace cut out 10 circles, 10 squares, 10 triangles, and 10 rectangles (or 20 of each shape if you want it to be 3-D).
2. Roll the rectangular pieces around the straw and glue the rectangle together so that it forms a paper straw. Remove the straw so that only the paper remains.
3. Cut 5 pieces of string to approximately 12 inches.
4. Take 2 circles, 2 triangles, and 2 squares. Glue the two circles together with string in the middle in between them (in the center of the shape).
5. Using the same string, do the same for the 2 squares and 2 triangles. This should leave you with 3 shapes once they're glued together correctly. Try to make the shapes an equal distant from each other on the string with about 2 inches left at one end of the string.
6. Repeat steps 4-5 four more times until all 5 pieces of strings have shapes glued onto them.
7. Take your straw. Find the center of the straw and poke a hole through it using a needle.
8. Thread the needle with one of the strings. Place the end of the string through the center of both straws using the needle. Cross the two straws so that they form an "X". Knot the end of the string so that it hangs in the center of the "X".
9. Thread the needle with a second string. Place the end of the string through the end of one of the straws using the needle so the string hangs from the end of the "X". If desired, you can tie the string to the end of the straws if you do not want to use the needle for this step.
10. Repeat step 9 with the remaining three strings so that all four arms of the "X" has a string of shapes hanging from it.
11. Tie extra string around the top of the "X" so that you can hang your wind chime outside or in your home. Have fun with your new windchime!

# Wind Chime Template



Reference Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SmcNSIfzIqE>

# More Wind Chime Ideas

Use the following sites to get additional project ideas

- Beaded Wind Chime: <https://www.firstpalette.com/craft/beaded-wind-chimes.html>
- Rainbow Button Wind Chime: <https://craftsbyamanda.com/rainbow-button-wind-chime/>
- Coffee Can CD Wind Chime: <https://happyhooligans.ca/coffee-can-cd-wind-chime/>
- Plastic Bottle Wind Chime: <https://happyhooligans.ca/diy-wind-chimes-recycled-craft/>
- Simple Recycled Wind Chime: <https://rainydaymum.co.uk/simple-wind-chime/>
- Plastic Eggs Fish Wind Chime: <https://rainydaymum.co.uk/simple-wind-chime/>
- Plastic Spoon Wind Chime: <https://www.handmadecharlotte.com/diy-wind-chimes/>
- Key Wind Chime: <https://giving.innerchildfun.com/2013/04/recycled-crafts-for-kids-diy-key-wind-chime.html>
- Stick/ Pinecone Wind Chime: [https://www.cbc.ca/parents/play/view/make\\_wind\\_chimes\\_for\\_dadimes](https://www.cbc.ca/parents/play/view/make_wind_chimes_for_dadimes)
- Recycled Plastic Lid Wind Chime: [https://www.cbc.ca/parents/play/view/make\\_wind\\_chimes\\_for\\_dadimes](https://www.cbc.ca/parents/play/view/make_wind_chimes_for_dadimes)
- Beach Memento Wind Chime: <https://www.mamamiss.com/blog/2013/07/17/kiddo-crafts-beach-memento-wind-chime/>
- Terracotta Flower Plant Wind Chime: <https://houseofjoyfulnoise.com/terracotta-flower-pot-wind-chime-tutorial/>

Please use the above link to find more wind chime projects that do not involve paper.