

Make a Suncatcher

Follow these instructions to make a suncatcher or a windchime to hang outside.

What you need:

- Paper plate
- Beads
- Beading string (you can find this in craft shops)
- Thread (to hang the suncatcher)
- Colouring supplies
- Scissors

What to do:

1. Cut the middle of the plate out. Use this circle to draw something related to summer. I drew a sun then cut it out. Colour in the outside of the plate.



2. Use a hole punch to punch holes along the bottom of the plate. I don't have a hole punch so I used scissors to cut three tiny holes. Cut a length of the beading string and tie multiple knots on one end. Thread beads until it is as long as you want it. Tie multiple knots at the top so the beads don't fall off. Then tie the string through one of the holes you just made. I did this three times.



3. Make a hole at the top of the plate and on the top of the sun. Thread some more beading string through the hole at the top of the plate on one end and the other end through the top of the sun, tying knots on both ends. This is so the sun hangs in the middle of the plate. Tie a long length of thread through the same hole at the top of the plate and tie a knot, this is so you can hang the suncatcher up.



4. Finished! If you want to make your suncatcher reflect the light (mine is more of a decoration than a suncatcher!) then you could use beads that are shiny or see through so the sun shines through. You could also use cellophane in the middle of the plate to catch the sunlight, or decorate with sequins. To make it more like a wind chime you could attach bells to the threads or something else that makes a noise when the wind blows. Show us your suncatcher on the [Kids Club Online Gallery](#).