

Water Bottle Wind Spirals

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Supplies Needed:

- several plastic water bottles
- permanent markers in various colors
- scissors
- hairdryer (optional)



Instructions:

1. Remove the lids and labels from your bottles and give them a quick wash. Make sure bottles are thoroughly dry on the outside. You can remove the moisture from the inside of the bottles as well by stuffing a paper towel into each bottle and, keeping hold of one end of the paper towel, giving the bottle a good shake. Then, gently pull the paper towel out.

Note: To dry any remaining beads of water, you can also blast the bottles with warm air from a hairdryer. Be careful not to hold the hairdryer too close to the plastic, because the plastic may warp or melt.

2. Once the bottles are dry, you can color them! Permanent markers are a must for this step. Washable ink will not adhere to the plastic. A variety of colors were used for the bottles in the pictures. They made vertical stripes on some and horizontal stripes on others. It does not matter how you fill in the colors, just make sure your bottle is covered in color from top to bottom!
3. With your coloring complete, it's time to turn your bottles into spirals. With your scissors, remove the flat bottom of the bottle and discard (or save for a future craft project!). Starting at the cut edge, snip around and around, from the bottom of the bottle to the top, to create a spiral. Stop cutting when you get to the smooth, rounded "shoulders" of the bottle.



4. When all of your spirals have been cut, head out to the yard and find a slender tree branch to hang them from. Slide the neck of the bottles onto the branch and nest the bottle tops together by tucking each one into the one before it.



5. Stand back, and watch your colorful wind spirals bounce and dance in the breeze!! Make sure to submit a photo of your creation!!