CountrySampler

Coffee Can Wind Chime

Give your covered porch or sunroom a touch of sparkle with a decorative wind chime that welcomes gardening season while repurposing set-aside jewelry.

Materials and Tools

1 metal coffee can
Chalky-finish paint
1 brass-toned metal ceiling plate salvaged from a hanging light fixture
1 coiled wire bracelet with beads
Scrapbook paper
3/8" twisted sisal rope, at least 8' in length
2 to 3 long beaded necklaces
6 miniature metal garden tools

1 fairy garden resin watering can
7 aluminum pop tabs
8 vintage earrings
8 small round magnets
Paint and paintbrushes
Scissors
Glue gun and glue sticks
Pliers

Instructions

1. Remove the top from the coffee can and discard. Wash and dry the can. Coat the outer sides and outside bottom with chalky-finish paint. Let dry.
2. Paint the ceiling plate using a dry-brush technique, allowing some of the original finish to show through. Let dry.
3. Trim the wire bracelet to a length of 8" to 10" and shape a loop. Push the ends through the small center hole in the ceiling plate. Attach with hot glue on the underside of the plate. Once the glue is set, adhere the plate to the closed end of the coffee can with hot glue.
4. Wrap strips of scrapbook paper around the can, affixing with hot glue.
5. Hot glue lengths of rope around the ceiling plate and the paper to hide the seams.
6. Trim necklaces into six equal lengths. Glue a garden tool to one end of each. For the center clapper, cut a seventh section of necklace to hang lower than the garden tools. Glue the watering can at the end.
7. Bend each pop tab into an L shape using pliers. Attach the necklace sections to the pop tab brackets with glue, and adhere the brackets to the inside of the coffee can.
8. Hot glue magnets to the backs of the earrings and space them out around the can.

Helpful Hints
* Apply a coat of decoupage medium or clear spray sealer to protect the paper.
* Consider gluing magnets to the ends of the hanging decorations instead of pop tab brackets to allow for easy positioning inside the can.