

Recycled Wind Streamers



What you'll need:

- Some old plastic carrier bags in different colours
- Scissors
- A plastic bottle
- A hole puncher (not essential)
- Some wool or string
- A ruler

Method:

- Carefully, cut a ring from your plastic bottle, roughly 3-4cm wide. It might help to either squash your bottle in half to do this or use a sharp pair of scissors. (or ask an adult for help)
- If you have a hole puncher, punch a hole in your plastic ring, about 1cm from the edge of the ring.
You could also use scissors, by folding the ring in half and making a small cut in the plastic, 1cm from the edge of the ring.



- Repeat this on the opposite side of the ring, so you have 2 holes/cuts roughly opposite each other.

- Next, cut yourself a piece of string about 80-90cm long and fold it in half. Take the looped end and put it through the hole/cut in your plastic bottle to create a loop.



- Take the two ends of your string and thread them through the loop and pull tight, so you have the beginning of your wind streamer handle. This is called a 'Larks Foot' knot.



- On the opposite side of your plastic ring, you are going to tie the ends of your string to finish your handle. Put the two ends through the hole/cut and tie in a normal or 'granny' knot. You might want to do this twice (i.e. a double knot) to make the handle nice and secure.



Next step, is to make the streamers...

- To make the streamers you will need long, thin strips of plastic from your plastic bags. First of all, cut your plastic bag all the way down one side.
- Then cut approx. 2cm thick strips from the plastic bag, cutting all the way around the top of the bag to ensure the strips are as long as possible.
- You will need 15-20 strips of plastic to make the streamer. You can use different coloured plastic to make it look more colourful or keep it all one colour. It's up to you!
- Next you are going to use the 'Larks Foot' knot again to attach your streamers to the plastic ring...Fold one strip of plastic in half and tuck the loop part underneath your



plastic ring. Ensuring your handles are at the top of the ring, out of the way.

- Thread the ends of the strip through the loop and pull tight.
- Repeat this process around your plastic ring, alternating with different colours, until the ring is completely covered.



Your Wind Streamer is finished!

Maybe you'd like to hang it in the garden or outside the window? Then you can see which way the wind is blowing!