

Pitched Bells



In India's music, bells and gongs are popular. Here are directions on how to make simple pitched bells from supplies at the hardware store.

Materials:

- Metal acorn shaped fence caps. These are used to top off the support pipes of a chain link fence.
- 12" of cord per bell
- Copper wire or thinner cord
- Wooden dowel or piece of bamboo to hang the bells from
- Wood stain if using a dowel

Tools: Drill, hammer, scissors

1. Place each fencepost cap on a solid surface. Smack the top with a hammer a couple of times to create a slight inward dimple in the top of the cap.

2. Drill a tiny starter hole in top of each cap, then use a $\frac{1}{4}$ " drill bit to drill a larger hole in the same spot.

Thread both ends of the 12" cord into the hole and tie the ends together in a knot inside the bell. Pull the loop of cord up so the bell can hang from the knotted cord.

3. Drill $\frac{1}{4}$ " holes in the stained wooden dowel or bamboo.

4. Attach the bells to the dowel with wire or additional cord.