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# Crafty Adults

## Summer Craft

Get creative and enjoy a fun, carefree,  
& stress-relieving activity.

A step-by-step guide to help you get creative!



## Beaded Seashell Suncatcher

Create your own beachy  
sparkle with this DIY  
Beaded Seashell  
Suncatcher mobile!

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### Supplies Needed:

- 1 piece of drift wood (w/ holes)
- 4 pieces of nylon string (24 in. long)
- Beads of various sizes
- 4 or more shells (w/ holes)
- Jute twine string
- 8 crimping clamps
- Jewelry pliers
- Jewelry tweezers
- Scissors
- Ruler

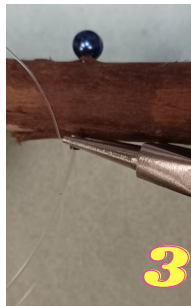
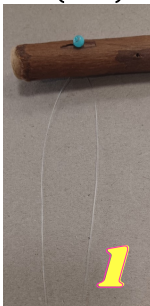
Each piece of drift wood is approx. 6 in. long with 4 small holes drilled through them.

You'll be inserting nylon string through each small hole and then adding beads & shells to it, creating your Suncatcher strings.

### Step-by-Step Guide:

#### Step #1: Using a small bead, insert nylon strings through the holes in the drift wood.

- Take one piece of nylon string and fold it in half.
- Choose a small bead -- this bead will sit at the top of the drift wood, anchoring the string in place.
- Insert one side of the string through the bead & then position the bead at the halfway point of the string.
- Now, insert both ends of the string through a hole in the drift wood (#1).
- Thread a crimping clamp onto the string, positioning it close to the base of the drift wood (#2).
- Use jewelry pliers to carefully pinch the clamp into position (#3).



#### Step #2: Begin adding beads & shells to your Suncatcher string!

TIP: You'll want to balance each nylon string with both small & large beads, & also adding a few shells to give it that beachy look.

- Take your scissors and trim the string so they're the same length - this will make it easier for you to insert beads & shells onto both strings.

TIP: You'll want your Suncatcher strings to be about 8 in. long.

- Before inserting the last bead or shell onto the string, insert a crimping clamp first.
- Push the beads together on the string & pinch the clamp into place with jewelry pliers (#4).
- Add the last bead or shell to your string & then tie a double knot twice to insure that it's secured in place.
- Trim the ends of the wire (#5).

**Repeat this process for all four of your Suncatcher strings.**

- Lastly, for the **hanger**, take a piece of jute twine & tie a double knot to the ends of the drift wood (#6).

Your handmade **Beaded Seashell Suncatcher** is now ready to add beachy sparkle to brighten your day!

