



Make a Wind Sock

To make a wind sock is quite easy. Once made, it can then show in which direction the wind is blowing and give some indication of how strong it is.



Materials

- sleeve of a large, old long-sleeved shirt **or** a length of material c.50X35cms
- wire
- needle and thread
- small rock or weight of some kind
- string or twine
- somewhere to hang the wind sock

Procedure

1. Decorate your fabric if you wish.
2. Cut one sleeve off an old long-sleeved shirt **or** stitch the material into a tube with one end about half as wide as the other.
3. Cut the wire so that is 5cm longer than the wide end of your sleeve or tube.
4. Bend the wire into a circle the same size as the top of the sleeve or wider end of tube.
5. To make the mouth of the wind sock, place the wire into the top end of the sleeve / wide end of tube and attach it firmly with a few stitches.
6. To keep the wide end of the wind sock facing the wind, place the rock or weight in some cloth on one edge of the wire. Sew it on tightly.
7. Tie the string on to the wire opposite the rock.
8. Tie the other end of the string to a branch where it can move freely.

When the wind blows, the wind sock will extend in the opposite direction from which the wind is blowing. Wind direction is always where the wind is coming from. Use a compass to find out which direction that is.

