

Craft a CD Curtain

What do you do with those old, unwanted, or scratched CDs? Rather than tossing them or letting dust pile up, your child can actually put them to good use! Have your teen collect as many as she can get from family and friends, and turn them into a hanging, decorative curtain.

What You Need:

- Ruler
- Old CDs
- Sharpie
- Drill with 1/8" bit
- 10 mm jump rings
- needle-nosed pliers
- safety glasses



What to Do:

1. Have your teen figure out how many CDs she needs. A 15 inch row takes 3 CDs.
2. When she has enough CDs, have her use a permanent marker to mark four points evenly spaced around each CD; think north, south, east, and west on a compass.
3. Next, put on safety glasses. Drill a hole at each mark she made. Repeat the drilling process, until each CD has been drilled.
4. Have your teen lay out the CDs in the shape of the hanging curtain she wants to make.
5. Starting with the top row, have her put a jump ring into the left holes of all of the CDs except the one on the far left hand side (you don't need to hook anything onto the left side of that one).
6. Now, ask her to put rings into the right holes of all of the CDs except the one on the far right side.
7. To complete the attachments, have her use more rings to join each CD to its neighbor.
8. Finally, she's ready to connect the rows! For the top row of CDs, put jump rings into the bottom holes. For the bottom row, put jump rings into the top holes. For all others, put jump rings into the top and bottom holes. Use additional rings to join each CD to the one above or below it.
9. Lastly, loop fishing line through the top holes in the top row of CDs. Then, your teen can hang her creation from a tension rod. Watch it sparkle!