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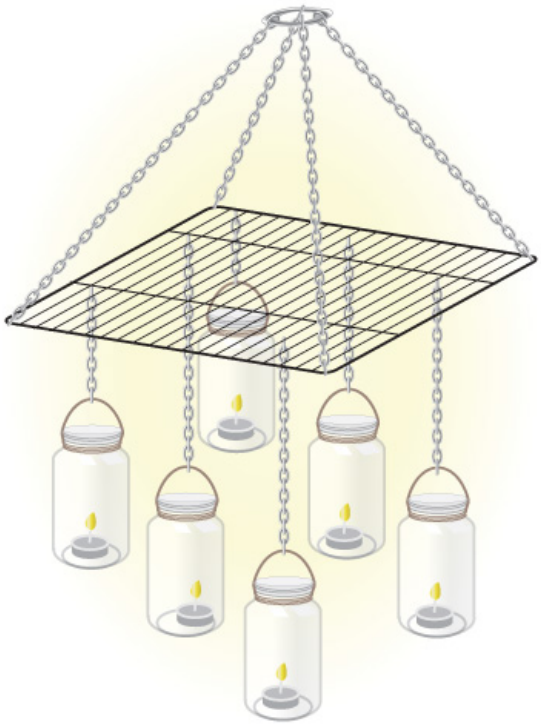
How to Make a Reclaimed Candle Chandelier



Things You'll Need

- Wire cookie cooking rack
- One-inch circular metal ring, available from the hardware store
- 12 feet of lightweight lamp chain, available from the hardware store
- Six small glass jars
- Sturdy 14-gauge wire
- Assorted chandelier crystals, beads, and other objects
- Wire cutters
- Two pairs of pliers
- Six tealights

What to Do

1. Cut the lamp chain into four same-sized pieces, each about 18 to 24 inches in length. The size you choose will depend on the size of your cooling rack.
2. Use pliers to open one link on each chain and attach the ends to the metal ring. Use pliers to open the last link on the other end of the chains and attach these to each corner of the cooling rack.
3. Use wire cutters to cut a 24-inch piece of wire. Wrap the wire securely around the lip of a glass jar, leaving a tail of at least eight inches. Cut a random-length piece of lamp chain and thread the last link onto the wire tail.
4. Bend the wire tail at the top to create a bale for hanging the jar and secure the end against the wrapped wire around the lip of the jar. Tug on the bale to make sure it is strong enough to support the jar.
5. Repeat this process with the other jars, giving each lamp chain a random length.
6. Hang the cooling rack on a hook or have a friend hold it up. Open the last link on each chain, and attach it to the cooling rack. Balance the jars as you go so that the weight is evenly distributed.
7. Use more random-length pieces of lamp chain to attach other objects to the chandelier. Consider adding chandelier crystals in pretty colors, old glass buttons, skeleton keys, and other found items.
8. Hang the chandelier in your desired location, and place a tealight in the bottom of each jar. Light the tealights and enjoy the sparkling display.