

# Make your own Rain Chain

green it yourself



rain chain



binding rings



downspout bracket



## bind the rings and hang from downspout



**A.** Find or buy as many rings as you need to create a rain chain long enough to drop from your gutter down to the ground below. It's a good idea to measure the exact distance, especially if you are buying the rings. Large binder rings or key rings will work beautifully for this project. Feel free to mix and match all different sizes and styles of rings or just stick with a uniform look – whatever you prefer!

**B.** This project really couldn't be easier. First, you simply link or clip all of your rings together in one long chain.

**C.** For larger diameter rings, you should thread a length of metal wire or metal thread through the chain to ensure the water flows continuously downward.

**D.** Next you'll need to remove the downspout from the drain you have chosen to hang your chain from (hopefully you've picked a spot that's visible from inside your home!). Then slide a gutter strap into place over the opening.

**E.** Hang your beautiful new rain chain from the gutter strap and anchor it to the ground using a little u-shaped garden stake, which you can then surround with plants or stones. Or, better yet, have it lead into a water catchment system so you can collect rainwater and use it to irrigate your garden in the dry season.

Now just sit back and wait for the rain to come so you can see your beautiful new rain chain in action. We would also understand if you're tempted to get up on your roof with a bucket of water just to test it out, but be careful up there!

