Making a DIY Wind Sock

Materials:

- Plastic garbage bags (two different colors)

- Templates for wind sock sections (See attachments)

- Clothes hanger (old wire type)

- Tape (water resistant type and scissors

- Compass Rose covered with clear vinyl to resist moisture (optional /see attachments)

- 1/2" dowel rod

Mounting options:

1. One inch Eye screw, (4) Key rings, and Heavy string or 2. Plastic straw and Water resistant tape

   Copy the templates and lay them out on the garbage bags placing Sections #1 and #3 on one color and #2 and #4 on the other color. Be sure to use the folds as the template indicates. Cut the sections. Place the sections out in order and tape the seams together using the water resistant tape. Then fold with taped sides out, and tape the center seam.

   Cut the clothes hanger 'hook' off, and re-shape the hanger into a circle to fit the sock's large opening. Folding the edge of the plastic over the clothes wire, tape it in place enclosing the wire. Now turn the inside of the sock out. The taped seams will now be inside the sock.

   You now need to decide which mounting method you will use. Method #1: Bend the extra hanger wire down and away from the circle to create a handle. Place this 'handle' into a plastic straw so it will swing freely. Tape the straw to the top of the dowel rod. Method #2: Cut the extra wire off. Place the eye screw in the top of the dowel rod and connect a key ring into the eye of the screw. Then make three holes, evenly spaced, in the top of the sock below the wire. Secure a key ring in each hole. Cut three equal lengths of heavy string and tie one to each ring and all of them to the ring on the dowel rod. Finally, for both methods, secure a compass rose to the base of the rod and display the wind sock in the open to catch the wind.

Mounting Version #1

Mounting Version #2