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Rustic Porch Swing: Finishing and Hanging

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The swing is finished -- now it's time to prepare it for hanging.

Note: [Project plans may be viewed with](#) 

Materials:

Aerosol exterior wood finish

Drill with 3/8" bit

3/8" Eye-bolts

Washer and nuts

Safety hooks

Plastic coated steel chain

Heavy-duty safety hooks and eye-bolts

1. Measure from bottom of post about 5" (on both front and back posts).
2. Drill hole through outer side of post (**figure A**) and add eye-bolt (**figure B**). Use washer and nut to secure.
3. Repeat for all posts.
4. Then, spray on quick-drying exterior finish (clear) to protect the wood (**figure C**).
5. While swing is drying, prepare area where swing will hang. Safety hooks should be added to ends of chain to hook to eye-bolt on swing (**figure D**).
6. The front chains will be slightly shorter than the back length of chain. The two will be joined in the middle (**figure E**) by a thick fastener.



Once finished, the rustic porch swing makes a great place to relax -- but using the correct hardware is crucial to peace of mind.



Figure A



Figure B

7. At the chain's end, another heavy-duty safety hook will join a heavy-duty eye-bolt that has been secured to a ceiling beam (**figure F**).
8. Finally, the safety hooks on the short and long ends of the chain are attached to the swing's eye-bolt and the swing is hung.

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Figure C



Figure D



Figure E



Figure F

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