

# Firethorn Antiques' Project Blog

## March 2024 - Up-cycled Porch Chandeliers

*Have you ever wondered what in the world folks do with those short strands of Holiday Light Bulbs? I did, and somewhere along the line, I managed to acquire 3 boxes of them (probably one of those "one of the daughters put them in the shopping cart when they were younger, I purchased them, brought them home, and then said, what are these?" deals). Because, of course, they are totally useless - too short to decorate a tree with, way too short to put on the exterior of the house, so what do you do with them? Make summertime porch lights out of them, like I did. The light strands I have are each 15-feet long (w/15 bulbs).*

**Step 1** - work the light strand around the perimeter of the metal fretwork (tie in place w/twist ties).

**Step 2** - determine how long you want the light to hang down and cut 4 strands of chain link to attach to the metal fretwork and the key chain loops (used to hang on the hooks screwed into the wood beam).

**Step 3** - attach chain to metal w/key chain loops.

**Step 4** - hang on ceiling hooks (I used 2 plastic coated cup hooks).

**Step 5** - plug into extension cord, run cord along ceiling beam, down wall, and plug into exterior outlet.

## Finished Project

"Up-cycled Porch Chandeliers"

Total Cost per Chandelier: \$25

## Project Supplies

1 Metal Fretwork Piece - per chandelier (I purchased the 2 of mine at Michael's Crafts on "clearance" for about \$15 for both)

1 Pkg. of either a 6, 12, or 15-foot Light Strand - per chandelier

2-3 dozen Plastic Bag Twist-ties

1 Spool of Jeweler's Chain Link

6 Key Chain Loops; 2 Shelf Cup Hooks - per chandelier

1 Extension Cord - per chandelier (I used a 12-foot cord)



*Unlit during daylight - very pretty*



*Lit at dusk - quite bright*