

PAPER PINWHEELS



Try making lots of these pinwheels to decorate an outdoor party or celebration

You will need:

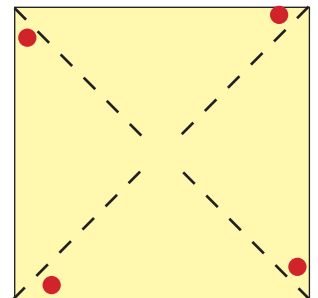
- Coloured paper
- Paper drinking straws
- Beads
- Craft wire
- A button
- Metallic pens or felt-tips (optional)

Other things you'll need:

- Glue and scissors
- A compass or something to poke a hole

How to make it:

- 1 Begin by cutting out a square from coloured paper. If you want to decorate the paper with metallic pens or felt-tips, now is the time to do it.
- 2 Fold the square diagonally in half one way, then open out and fold diagonally in half the other way. Cut along the four folded lines almost to the centre as shown in the diagram.
- 3 Add glue at the points shown with red circles in the diagram. Fold these corners toward the centre and glue down to secure. Repeat with all four corners. Set aside to allow the glue to dry.
- 4 Use a compass or other pointy tool to carefully poke a hole in the centre of the pinwheel. Then poke a hole in a paper straw, about 1.5cm from the end (the hole should go all the way through and out the other side).
- 5 Take a length of craft wire and thread on a button. Then thread the wire back through the button and twist the ends together to secure. Poke this through the hole in the pinwheel so that the button is on the front.
- 6 At the back of the pinwheel, thread a bead onto the craft wire. The bead makes a spacer between the straw and the pinwheel so you might need more than one depending on the size. Then thread the craft wire through the hole in the paper straw. Wind the end of the wire around the top of the straw to secure.
- 7 The pinwheel is now ready to catch the breeze!



Cut along the dotted lines

