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Make Your Own Pinwheel

Summer on the island brings along a light breeze. What better way to enjoy those days than with a colorful **pinwheel**! A pinwheel is a child's toy consisting of a stick with colored vanes that twirl in the wind. For this week's project, you'll be coloring and putting together your own pinwheel.

Did you know pinwheels have been around since 400 B.C.? At that time they were referred to as whirligigs and could be found in China. In the 15th century, they began appearing in European paintings. (Just for reference, we are currently living in the 21st century.) In 1919, an Armenian immigrant toy manufacturer, Tegrin Samour, invented the modern pinwheel toy in Boston. He called it a "wind wheel."

In Chinese culture, it is a symbol "to turn ones luck around" and is used during Chinese New Year celebrations for good luck and fortune.



Supplies: crayons, plastic stem, pinwheel cutout and plastic pieces to secure it

Instructions:

Step 1:

Color or decorate both sides of the paper pinwheel and flower shape included.

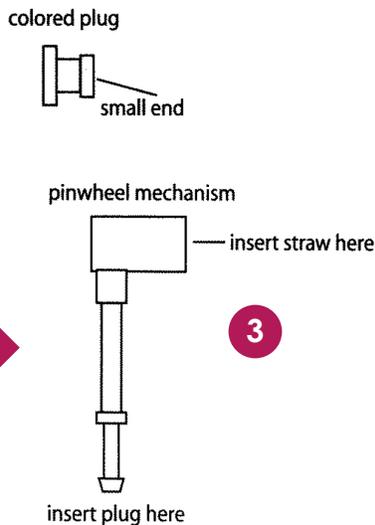


Step 2:

Insert the paper flower onto the small end of the colored plug. Then fold the pinwheel corners with holes towards the center hole of the paper pinwheel.

Step 3:

Insert the plug into each of the holes in the pinwheel and attach the plug to the pinwheel mechanism as seen here



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Step 4:

Slide the plastic straw into the large end of the pinwheel mechanism.

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