

Difficulty rating



Length of time it will take: 20 minutes

Retro paper pinwheel

These paper pinwheels are a kids classic and super easy to make for little hands. They're also great for putting a fun 'spin' on your DIY summer party decorations!



Crafty shopping list

- Scissors
- Pencil
- Paper squares
- Paper straws
- Drawing pins
- Blu tack
- See our suggested suppliers list online at mind.org.uk/crafternoon



How to make your paper pinwheel



Fold your square of paper in half to make a triangle, then unfold it and repeat the other way, so you can see the centre point of your paper where the fold lines cross.



Use scissors to start cutting down each of the four fold lines. The cuts should go just over halfway to the centre.



You'll now have 8 points – two at each corner. Make a hole with a drawing pin on every other tip, placing a piece of blu tack under your paper when you do this. Then poke a final hole through the centre point of the paper.



Top tip If you're using paper with one white and one patterned side, turn the paper white side up.



Bring one tip to the centre of the square without creasing the paper, and poke the drawing pin through the hole you've just made. Repeat this for each tip with a hole in it until they are all stacked on the point of the drawing pin.



You're nearly done! Hold the tips in the centre with one hand, and use your other hand to attach the straw by pushing the remainder of the pin through it. Once your pin is through, cover the point with a blob of blu tack.



Take a second to admire your work! Take a photo and share it with the hashtag #crafternoon on Facebook or Instagram.

Crafty variations

- Use a paper hexagon instead of a square to make a pinwheel with six points!
- Stick two different coloured or patterned pieces of paper back-to-back to make a two-tone pinwheel
- Make a pinwheel garland by ditching the straws and attaching a whole host of them to a single ribbon.

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