



How to make a paper windmill!

Materials: square piece of paper (see above), blu-tac, knitting needle or sharp pencil, paper fastener, bead (the centre hole should be wide enough to slide onto the paper fastener), drinking straw.

Instructions:

- 1) Cut around the outside edges of the square above and decorate your piece of paper front and back (eg. use bright colours, glitter, patterns).
- 2) Fold the paper in half along one dotted line, and then unfold the paper again. Repeat for the second dotted line.
- 3) The point where the two folds meet is the centre of your paper. From the centre measure 4cm along each fold and mark a pencil dot. Cut along the folds from each outside corner into the dot.
- 4) Roll some blu-tac into a ball and place it under the centre spot of your paper. Use a knitting needle or sharp pencil to push a small hole through the centre. Do the same on one side of each corner as marked on the paper.
- 5) Fold each of the corner pieces in towards the centre so the holes line up with the hole in the middle. Push a paper fastener through all five holes.
- 6) Thread a bead onto the back of the paper fastener. This will stop the paper wings of your windmill rubbing against the straw and help it spin better.
- 7) Measure down 2cm from the top of your straw and using the same method above, make a small hole going through the front and back.
- 8) Push the paper fastener through the hole and fold the ends back to hold your windmill together.