

Flower Pinwheel

Make a pretty spinning flower pinwheel in a few easy steps. A printable pinwheel template is included for super easy crafting.



SUPPLIES NEEDED

Paper or cardstock

Scissors

Glue stick

Crayons or markers

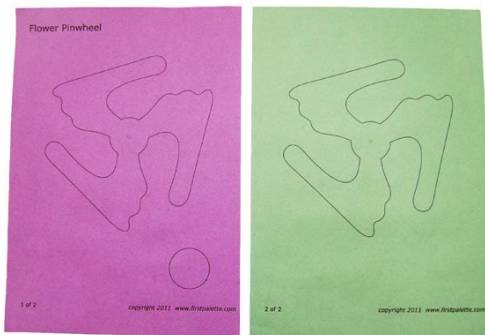
Pencil with eraser

Push pin

Bead or small button (optional)

STEPS

STEP 1 Flower Pinwheel



1. Print out the template.

Print out this flower pinwheel template on A4 or Letter size cardstock. If you want a two-toned flower pinwheel, use different colors of cardstock for each page.

STEP 2 Flower Pinwheel



2. Cut out the template.

Cut out all three template pieces.

STEP 3 Flower Pinwheel



3. Glue the 2 template pieces.

Take the pair of identical pinwheel template pieces. Align them such that the blades of the first template are nested between those of the second one. Glue the template pieces together at the center.

STEP 4 Flower Pinwheel



4. Glue one tip at the center.

Without creasing the paper, bring one of the six tips towards the center and glue it in place.

STEP 5 Flower Pinwheel



5. Glue the adjacent tip at the center.

Similarly bring the adjacent tip towards the center and glue in place.



6. Glue all tips at the center.

Repeat Step 5 with the remaining four tips, working from one adjacent tip to the next.

Once you have finished gluing all the tips at the center, your pinwheel will look pretty much like a six-petaled flower.

STEP 7 Flower Pinwheel



7. Glue the circle at the center.

Glue the paper circle at the center.

STEP 8 Flower Pinwheel



8. Insert a push pin.

Once the glue dries, carefully insert a push pin at the center of the pinwheel. Wiggle the push pin around to make the hole a bit larger.

STEP 9 Flower Pinwheel



9. Attach the pinwheel to a pencil.

Push the pin onto the eraser of a pencil. Leave a small gap between the paper and the eraser to allow the pinwheel to spin more freely.

As an option, you can put a bead or small button between the pinwheel and the eraser. This helps the pinwheel rotate better and prevents the pin's point from going through the other side of the eraser.

STEP 10 Flower Pinwheel

10. Enjoy your pinwheel.

Finally, try blowing at the edges of the pinwheel to make it spin. Loosen the pin a bit if the blades do not rotate well. Enjoy!

These flower pinwheels are great spring and summer projects. Place them on the front porch, in the garden, or wherever it can catch a soft breeze. Remember though that these pinwheels are made of paper and will get damaged if they get wet.



Make longer stems.

If you want a longer handle, use a wooden dowel in place of a pencil. Pushing the pin into the wood is quite hard for kids so make sure an adult does this step.

You can decorate the dowel by painting it or wrapping its entire length with fabric ribbon, washi tape or colored masking tape.

If using a dowel they can be placed outside for a beautiful spring garden.