

How to make a paper windmill



Instructions:

- 1** Cut around the outside edges of the square and decorate your piece of paper front and back (eg. use bright colours, glitter, patterns).
- 2** Fold the paper in half along one dashed line, and then unfold the paper again. Repeat for the second dashed line.
- 3** The point where the two folds meet is the centre of your paper. Cut along the folds from each outside corner into the dot, leaving one centimeter from the middle 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.

Here's what you'll need:

- Square piece of paper (see template on next page)
- Blu-tac
- Knitting needle or sharp pencil
- Paper fastener
- Bead (centre hole should be wide enough to slide onto paper fastener)
- Drinking straw

Paper windmill template

Print and cut out the square. Fold along the dashed lines and cut along the dashed lines towards the centre dot, leaving one centimeter from the middle dot. Fold corners with circles to the middle. See full instructions for all steps.

