DIY Pinwheels

Your child can transform a piece of construction paper into a fun toy to use in the sunny outdoors! The pinwheel is a simple toy that has been around years and years, which harnesses the wonders of the wind to delight kids of all ages!

What You Need:

- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Stickpin

What You Do:

1. Encourage your child to do some research online before creating her pinwheel. She can see if she can discover anything interesting about the history of pinwheels and interesting designs and constructions.
2. Invite your child to use the ruler to measure a 6" x 6" inch square. She can use scissors to cut out her square for making the pinwheel.
3. Now she can use the ruler to draw an X from corner to corner on the square dividing it into four triangles.
4. Offer her the scissors and have her cut from each corner along the line until she just about reaches the center of the square – but not cutting all the way through! When she's finished, she'll have four cuts moving diagonally towards the middle.
5. To create her pinwheel, invite your child to begin folding in one corner of each "triangle" to the middle of the square. She can hold the pieces together and then secure them by pushing a stickpin through the middle.
6. Now she can secure the pinwheel to the eraser of a pencil and take her finished pinwheel outside to enjoy!

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