

CREATE A WIND SPINNER



March weather in Colorado can be a bit unpredictable as winter makes way for spring. Harness those winds of change by creating your very own wind spinner.

What You Need

- Paper plate
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Markers, stickers, glitter, glue
- String



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Take your child outside to a State Park or a neighboring park and explore nature with her, paying special attention to changes like new leaves starting on trees, insects buzzing around, and the like. On the way home, ask her about her favorite outdoor activities this time of the year.

At home, give your child the paper plate and explain she will be making a wind spinner. These are the steps:

1. Starting at the outer edge, have your child use a pencil to draw a two-inch wide spiral inwards toward the center of the plate. This marks where the plate will be cut after it is decorated.
2. Invite your child to use markers to draw their favorite representations of spring on the paper plate, including both inspirations from nature and activities they like to do. Encourage them to enhance their creations with glitter, stickers, or other art supplies to make the plate look festive.
3. When the decorations are complete, help him/her cut along the pencil line and make a hole in the center of the plate.
3. Tie one end of the string through the hole in the center of the plate.
5. Together, select the perfect outdoor spot at your home and hang the spinner.

This activity could be repeated in every season.

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