Parent Guide

How can I use this with my children?

Create a fun windmill together with your child for a craft or learning activity.

How does this help my children's learning?

Using craft materials and tools can help to develop your child's fine motor skills. This activity is also a great learning activity for observing cause and effect.

Ideas for further learning:

Why not look up some photos or videos of real windmills and wind turbines in action?

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Paper Windmill Craft Instructions

You will need:

- Windmill Template
- scissors
- glue stick
- a straw
- a thin pin (e.g. tacking pin used for sewing)
- sticky tack or hot glue gun

Instructions:

1. Print the Windmill Template and cut out around the outer edges of both pieces. You may wish to decorate the pieces.

2. Cut down the diagonal lines on Piece A, stopping at the circle in the middle.

3. Find one of the corners marked with a dot on Piece A. Bend that corner down to the circle in the centre and secure with glue. It's important to bend the paper over, not to fold it.

4. Repeat step 3 with all the four corners marked with a dot.

5. Using glue, stick Piece B in the middle of Piece A, so that it covers the centre circle and the corners that you just glued down. Allow to dry.

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6. Push a thin pin through the centre point of the windmill.

7. Push the end of the pin through the straw, around an inch from the top. This should allow the windmill to spin around freely.

8. Secure the sharp end of the pin sticking out the other side of the straw with sticky tack or a hot glue gun. Whatever you decide to use, it should cover the end, but not touch the straw, as that could inhibit the windmill's movement.

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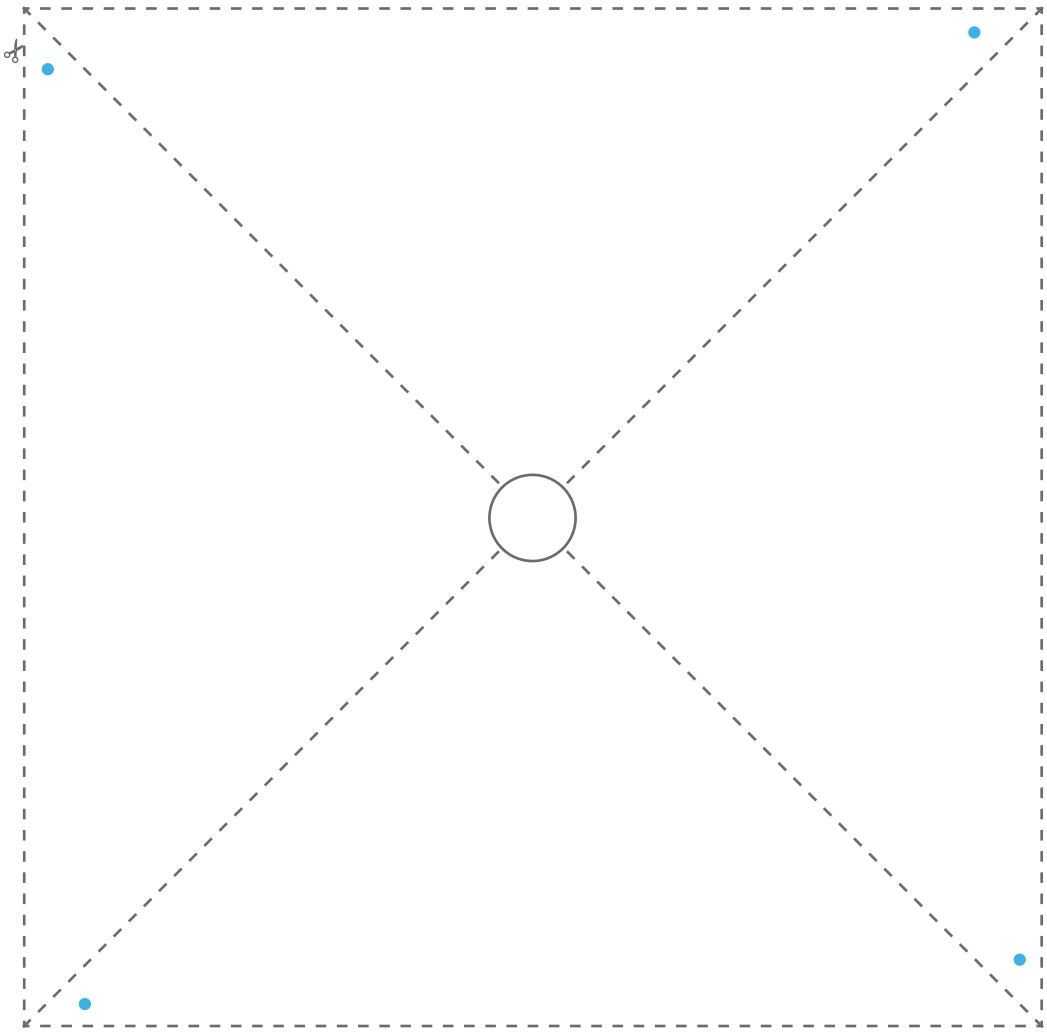

Piece A

Piece B

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