

These paper windmills look brilliant spinning around outdoors on a breezy day!

It's easy to make your own by following these instructions. Use patterned wrapping paper for a bright and cheery look, recycle old comics for fab, fun windmills or decorate a piece of plain paper for a design that's completely unique.

## Ingredients

- 20cm square of paper
- Plasticine or Blu-tac
- Knitting needle or sharp pencil
- A paper fastener
- One bead (the centre hole should be wide enough to slide onto the paper fastener)
- A drinking straw

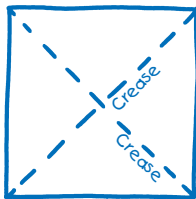
## Equipment

- A smooth, flat surface to fold on
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Scissors

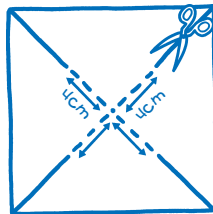


## Instructions

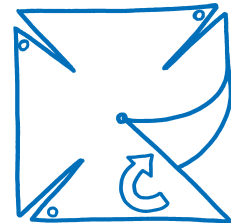
**1** Cut out a 20cm square of paper and fold it in half diagonally. Press along the crease and then unfold the paper again. Fold it across the other diagonal and crease. Flatten the paper out again.



**2** The point where the two creases meet is the centre of your paper. From the centre, measure 4cm along each crease line and mark a pencil dot. Cut along the creases from each outside corner into the dot.



**3** Roll some plasticine or 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 diagram.



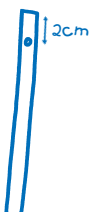
**4** Fold each of the corner pieces in towards the centre so the holes line up with the hole in the middle. Push the paper fastener through all five holes.



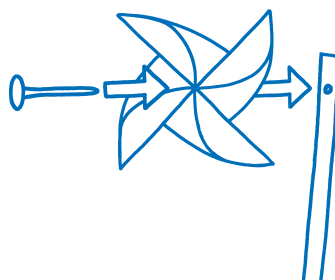
**5** Thread a bead onto the back of the paper fastener. This will stop the paper wings of your windmill rubbing against the straw and help it spin better.



**6** Measure down 2cm from the top of your straw and using the same method as above, make a small hole going through the front and back.



**7** Push the paper fastener through the hole and fold the ends back to hold your windmill together.



## TOP TIP:

Look out for funky straws to make your windmills look even more amazing. There are lots of different designs around in supermarkets, party shops and craft stores. If you can't find any you like or which match your design, try colouring in plain straws with permanent marker pens or squeezing on dots of glitter glue to decorate them.