

Hi Saturday Family Art Clubbers,

We hope that you are all safe and well!

Today we've got a new activity for you to give a whirl – pun intended! Yes, today we are making our very own paper windmills – perfect for popping into a flower pot on the windowsill or for taking along on your daily exercise outdoors to enjoy some of this wonderful Spring weather that we've been having. Or you could have your very own windmill pencil topper! They're super-easy to make with things that are easily found at home. Why not make a few of different colours and designs - and don't forget to share your creations with us on social media as we love to see what you've all been making! Please note that **parental supervision is essential for this activity and it is not suitable for under three's. These windmills should not be given to any child under three years of age.**

Have fun, stay safe - and happy making! Best wishes

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Make Your Own Windmill

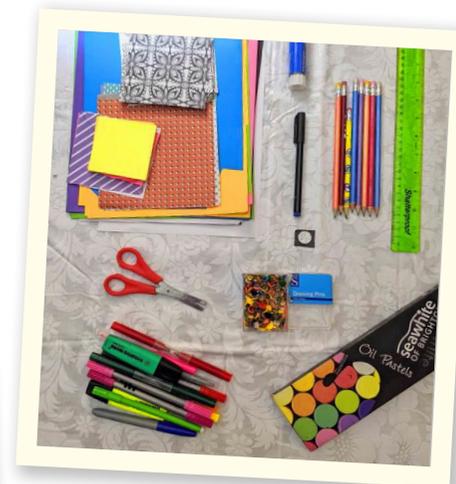
Step 1: Choose a piece of paper, and measure a square, 10cm x 10cm, then cut it out.



Step 2: Decorate your square, both sides or one side, it's up to you! Then fold it in half, then fold it in half again, into a quarter, and then open it all out again.



Step 3: Measure 3cm along each fold line, from the centre (marked 'X'). Mark lightly with a small dot in pencil, then make a cut on each fold, only as far as each dot.



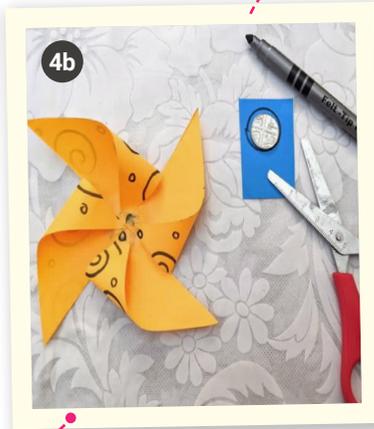
You will need ...

- White or coloured paper
- A glue stick
- Scissors
- A 5p coin, or small button, to draw around
- Some pencils with erasers on the end
- A ruler
- Some drawing /push pins
- Some felt pens/crayons/pencils/pastels etc

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Step 4: Fold each corner in towards the centre (marked 'X' in red). Glue the tip of each corner down, using a glue stick. Don't press anything else down, just glue the tip of each corner to the centre. Then, on some paper, draw around a 5p coin (or draw a small circle) and cut this out. Stick this on the centre of your windmill, using the glue stick. Make sure it's secure.

Step 5: IMPORTANT – An adult needs to do this bit. Place your windmill against the pencil. Push the drawing pin through the centre of the windmill, into the eraser part of the pencil. Make sure that it isn't pressed in too much as otherwise your windmill won't turn properly. It needs to be a bit loose, but still secure. This windmill is not suitable to be given to children under the age of three years.

Step 6: And finally... all done! Well done everyone, great job!

Other Things To Try: The fun doesn't need to stop here! Try making different windmills, using different types of paper and different mark-making techniques. Try using old magazines or colouring books. Try and find lots of different places for your windmills, and experiment with what makes

your windmill go faster or slower. Use a mobile phone to film your windmill in action, or make some windmills of varying sizes, and see how fast they can go – and don't forget to share your experiments with us via our social media pages, as we always love to see your creations! Until next time Saturday Family Art Clubbers – Happy Making!



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