Paper Pinwheels with CBTV Live

Chapter 1 - Chapter 1
Pinwheels
(upbeat music) - Hi everybody, it's Faith from Creativebug coming at you live like we do every Tuesday and Thursday at 4pm pacific time. I have a particularly festive craft for you today, it is making pinwheels! But the first thing you have to ask yourself is how important is it for your pinwheels to blow in the breeze? Because I made a whole bunch and I thought they looked really good and all my coworkers tried to blow on it and they didn't spin and everyone was very disappointed with me. So I revamped it, they will spin in the breeze! But if it's not essential for you, if you just want them to be very beautiful, we can work with that too! So the very first thing you'll need to do is to get your dowels, these are some cake dowels and also just some skewers. And you soak them in an inch of water, this is gonna make it easier when we try to stick the pin through. Also, if you have small children who will be enjoying these pinwheels you're going to want to trim the bottoms of the kebab skewers, however, what if you want to plant them in your lawn? Then you'd want to keep the sharp tips. So you will also need some construction paper or some heavyweight paper, I asked Courtney, pick me up something fun and boy did she deliver. This wild pack of neons and flourals and your best bet is to get a really contrasting shade. So this is, it's crazy floral on this side, and this checkered on this side. If I was using the floral, we're gonna be cutting out a square, so if I was using this side I would use a quilting mat to determine an exact square. And not just go at it willy nilly, but that's one of the benefits of a side like this that has a grid already printed on it, is that you can follow along the lines. So I'm gonna make a 90 degree angle. And I'm gonna fold it at the boxes. You're gonna want to fold that pretty firmly. And then I'm just gonna trim up along both edges. With my scissors. And I suppose you could make a pinwheel from this whole shade of paper, I like cutting it smaller because then you can get kind of a suite of pinwheels, I've really thought this one out, if you want a variety of sizes, it also makes it more like, if you think of a flower bouquet, you will have all different sizes of flowers, so why not do the same for your pinwheel bouquet? Now we open it back up and we're gonna fold it end to end in the other direction. And crease it firmly. And now we will be, you get to decide what you want to be the inside and what you want to be the outside. So I think it's equally fun to have the lighter shade on the inside, it doesn't really matter. But I'm going to do, I really like this so I'm gonna do this for the outside. So I'm gonna re-crease the folds that way. And then you'll be cutting along these quarter fold lines. Just past the center, you can measure it out if you want to, I didn't really see it necessary. So I'm snipping to just past the center. And with our next step, if you did not cut far enough you will realize it very quickly so you can just go back and trim it a little bit. And if you trim it too much it's barely noticeable. And don't forget, we are live so if you have any questions don't hesitate to ask, also if you have pinwheel particularities for you and your family or if you've had special pinwheel experiences in your life, I actually had a friend who, her husband, fiance at the time, was allergic to flowers so at her wedding instead they had big garlands of pinwheels, it looked absolutely amazing. So the next step is to fold in the edges. Now this is where I said if you want it to be spinny you're gonna have to do things a little bit differently. It's best if you poke your holes, line it up, and glue it down. But if you just want it to be decorative and don't need it to spin, don't worry about gluing. The reason I'm being a little extra dramatic about it is this gluing part's very frustrating and annoying! And you have to hold it in your hand for like, ten minutes and you're trying to do other

© CBTV Live and Creativebug Inc., 2026

things, and have conversations that don't involve your hand squashed around a pinwheel! Or we'll do it with the, we'll do it with the glue. But I don't think you should. So at this point we'll go along and poke holes in the corners of our pinwheel. Only pick one side, so I'm going to do the upper left side. And you're gonna poke it about an eighth of an inch in from the sides, however down that takes you. Did I say half an inch, I meant an eighth. So right there. I'm using a pin tool for this, but you can use like, a t pin, or even a fat embroidery needle, it just needs to be thicker than the pin you're using. A pin tool I use a lot for book binding and you can find it in the clay section, it's 99 cents. I have so many fancy pieces of craft equipment, and I use this most of all, 99 cents. So you poke your four, holes. And then you'll poke one directly in the center. The next step is to simultaneously glue out the corner and then line it up to the center hole. And the way I line it up is by, putting the pin tool in from the bottom up, and then putting those on top of that. So I've got my, Elmer's glue. I'm gluing at just the corner. Actually, I think you could do all corners, let's do that for efficiency's sake. Glue the corner, glue the corner. Glue this corner. And this one. And then we feed it on top, one at a time. And we're like, pinching each layer in place. Now these pinwheels, you can flatten them down a little bit, but don't crease it because then it will lose that oomph, that va va voom. And all pinwheels deserve a little voom. And then stick that on top. And this is the part that I was explaining to you that I socially couldn't handle, where you should just keep your hands on it for a really long time. Another thing you can do is take a thumbtack and push it into a cork board so that it dries kind of flat and out. I even, I had someone else hold it and they were like, "ahh, it's losing control, they're popping up!", so if they're popping up way too much for even human hands to handle, you're gonna want to flatten it out. And if the glue gets a little gnarly looking, you can cover it with a piece of washy tape, that's what I did with this one that I prepared to demonstrate to you. So, we have our hole in the middle. See, it just popped up already, that sneaky pinwheel. Make sure you stick, you re-stick your pin tool through. To widen the hole. And now, we're going to take our dowel, we're going to try to pierce the dowel, and we'll do that with the pin tool first. - [Ally] We have a comment that you would like to hear. - [Faith] Yes, please! - [Ally] Anne says your hair looks amazing! - [Faith] Anne, I was wondering what you thought about my bangs, they're a little Flashdance, but I'm pretty into it, thank you so much! They're startling to everybody, but that's very sweet of you. Those creativebug people are the nicest. And when you punch your hole, make sure you go at least a half an inch down. This will help it a little bit from splitting. Also I split probably 50% of the ones I've tried, so set yourself up for success and, presoak a lot of them. At this point in time I'm going to wrap washy tape around the top of it just to, seal off the edge aesthetically. But this is just, this is just a vanity. So another thing pinwheels are known for, their va va voom and their vanity. I'm good at Scrabble. Okay, so we're gonna re-widen this hole. And then we stick our pin through, and you're gonna want a long, a long pin not a mat pin, I saw some tutorials online that recommended mat pins and I gasped. Because that's blasphemy, it will not work as well. You need to be able to tamp them down. And then you thread it through the hole you previously made. So this part is important to keep a decent amount of space. And by decent I mean at least an eighth of an inch. You don't want to shove it all the way in, then there will be no chance for the spinning of your pinwheel. Which is fine by me, but not for people in this office who want spinning pinwheels! - [Ally] Faith, when you get a chance can we tell the folks at home about our two month offer? - Of course! For our first time users you can get two months for free with us using the promo code or the, joanne2! So Ally's gonna link you to the website right now, you can get a lot done in two months. I think my first two months of looking at creativebug I decided I was gonna sew my own clothes and quilt for all the babies I knew, and also learn how to can. And I did some of those things

© CBTV Live and Creativebug Inc., 2026

successfully! I don't make all my own clothes, but I have made a clothe. And it was very successful! I think you'll have a lot of fun in just two months, we also have some amazing water color classes that I've gotten super addicted to to the point where I actually took, after taking Ally's class, I took water color classes at an art school near us, she's really that brilliant. So at this point in time we have, the pin has gone through, we have about an eighth of an inch. You clamp down with your needle nose pliers, and push down the, pin. And the pliers themselves give you about an eighth of an inch of space, so now, when we tape this down, it has this free reign. To spin around! So I'm gonna cover all of this pin. Particularly end, don't forget about the children. Don't want them getting speared. Also, even though kids love pinwheels or if they're Scottish kids, windmills. I didn't know that until Ursula told me, she called them windmills growing up. But while this is a kid fun product, it's not necessarily a kid friendly make. Because of all of the spearing and the pins and the spikes. - [Ally] We have a question from Debra, she's wondering can you put these outside? - I would! They're not gonna last very long but yeah, you're absolutely welcome to do so, I've seen them, oh see, maybe this will spin. It's because of all that extra work I put in with the gluing and the stressing out. You can put them outside if you want to make them out of something like vinyl or, I'm thinking about those, those folders that you get that are like, kind of clear. Those might last a really long time but they would probably biodegrade fairly quickly. Because I already have this really pretty one set up, I'm gonna show you what it looks like if you don't glue it down, if you just go through all the pins. It's the exact same process. - [Ally] Terri says, using a bead for a spacer, would be a good idea? - That is a terrific idea! Would you use it behind or in front of the pinwheel? Is my question to Terri. Okay so we're gonna spear it again, see that one, went so much more easily. These are moody little party favors. So I'd definitely recommend, even if it doesn't end up glued down, anchoring it into something, so that you don't lose this nice line. Oh yeah, that makes a lot of sense, so to put a bead like, here, and also, this previous one I had put washy tape over the middle because it was looking kind of gunky. You could also put like, a sequin, or paint it, but I really don't mind this overlap right here. And so, - [Ally] Next question comes from Stephanie who's wondering if you can use a hot glue gun instead of a glue stick? - That's a terrific idea, I definitely should have done that, yes! And that would make it, you wouldn't have to have someone else hold it while it dried for you! Yes! Thank you for your question, you're a genius. Who else has good ideas for me, I love this! This feels collaborative, thank you so much! - [Ally] Terri got back and she said both. - [Faith] Perfect. I'm into it. So we're gonna tie this back down. Also pinwheels don't have to be exclusive to being stuck to a stick, I think these would look amazing as a garland, or, as a bouquet, you could put them on a wreath, oh, a pinwheel wreath would be so cute! Okay so here's our difference. This one has the va va voom, and this one has the, the get up and go. It just depends on the kind of person you want to be. Thank you so much for joining us this week, we'll see you next week at four o'clock! (laughter) Whoo! (laughter) - Yes! (upbeat music)

© CBTV Live and Creativebug Inc., 2026