

Make a Spinning Top

What you need:

Cardboard
 (We used a paper plate but cereal boxes or similar work well)
 Scissors, pencil, compass
 (or something to draw around)
 Coloured pens or pencils
 Decorations and glue
 BBQ Skewers



What to do:

1. Use a compass to draw a circle on the cardboard.

If you can use a compass then this helps to locate the centre of the circle. The size is up to you but 6cm diameter works well. If you draw around something use a ruler to locate the exact centre of the circle and mark it with a dot.



2. Cut out your circle and make a hole in the centre using a skewer.

If your card is too thick to easily push the skewer through then place some blu tac or play dough under the spinner and press through with the skewer.



3. Decorate your spinner.

You can do this however you want, but if you stick things on make sure they are light and evenly distributed as uneven weight can effect how well the spinning top spins! Felt pens are best for bright colours and patterns.



4. Measure and cut your skewer.

6cm is a good length for a small spinning top. Cut the pointed tip off so it is blunt for better spinning!



5. Insert the skewer into the hole.

It should be firm enough to stay in there by itself. If you keep taking the skewer in and out the hole will become loose and the spinning top won't work as well so resist the temptation!



Enjoy playing with your spinning top or give it to someone as a birthday gift!