

# NATURE CRAFT

## WIND SPINNER

Wind spinners are so much fun to watch twirling, especially while **learning about weather!** Educating children about weather and climate gives them the opportunity to make connections between the weather they experience and how it affects the world around them. Children are often fascinated by the weather with intense thunderstorms, magical rainbows, and exciting puddles!

The concept of wind is a bit more difficult to teach because **wind itself is not visible and cannot be collected.** For many people, the best way to experience wind is to fly a kite but this activity is not always easy with young ones and finding a location may be challenging. A great alternative is to make your own wind spinner using a paper plate (or even a circular piece of card stock)!



## MAKE YOUR OWN WIND SPINNER

### MATERIALS

paper plate, paint, paintbrushes, scissors, thread or string

### DIRECTIONS

1. Paint the paper plate using your favorite pattern (try a rainbow or polka dots)
2. Allow the paint to dry
3. Working from the outer edge of the plate, cut a swirl pattern with the scissors, leaving a 2 inches circle in the middle
4. Poke a hole in the center of the circle and thread string through it
5. Secure the end of the string with a double knot
6. Hang your wind spinner where it will catch the wind and watch it twirl