



DIY Rainbow Spinner

What Is A DIY Rainbow Spinner?

Based on a whirligig, or spinning toy, the DIY Rainbow Spinner is a simple craft that brings fun to any home or classroom's arts and crafts time. Made with colorful paper strips and a wooden dowel, the DIY Rainbow Spinner requires very few materials, making it a quick and easy craft that provides hours of entertainment for children.

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Required Materials:

- Construction Paper (Item #46048) or Hair Paper (Item #32965)
- Wooden Dowel (Item #29163)
- Hot Glue Gun
- Scissors (Item #19010)



1. Gather Your Materials

To make your DIY Rainbow Spinner, you will need to gather colorful construction paper—or hair paper—a wooden dowel, scissors, and a hot glue gun to assemble your whirling rainbow!

2. Choose Your Rainbow

Cut your construction paper into eight, 11-inch long strips. Make sure your strips are a little over 1/2 inch wide. In addition to your paper strips, you will also need to cut out two small circles. You will use these circles to attach your paper strips to the spinner.

Safety Tip: Only adults should handle sharp scissors for cutting. To save time and keep little hands safe, cut your paper strips beforehand, allowing children to choose their rainbow's colors from a selection of pre-cut paper.

3. Build Your Spinners

Attach one end of your paper strips to one of your circles, securing each strip with hot glue. Remember, only adults should handle the hot glue gun. Place your wooden dowel in the center of this circle and glue into place. Carefully cut a small opening into the center of your remaining circle. Guide the wooden dowel through this hole and secure the other end of your paper strips to this circle. Make sure your paper strips are secure, move freely, and aren't glued to your wooden dowel by mistake. When you spin your creation, your paper strips should move up and down with ease.

4. Show Off Your Rainbow Spinner!

Once your rainbow spinner is secure, encourage children to twirl their spinner by rolling it and forth between the palms of their hands like a whirligig toy. Watch as children are amazed by the beautiful colors and patterns their spinners create while in motion.





