

Be-LEAF in Unity: Make a Leafy Pinwheel

“Ye are the fruits of one tree, and the leaves of one branch. Deal ye one with another with the utmost love and harmony, with friendliness and fellowship.” — Bahá’u’lláh

Yesterday my friend Neon was beaming about his new bee friend, Sasha. He told me how they both love hive music and they’ve been having tons of fun together. My light dimmed as I wondered if he likes flying around with her more than with me.

I flew to a treetop to think, and I saw leaves blowing in the wind. They reminded me that friends can drift apart,

but we can also find each other again. That sparked ideas!

I hosted a prayer party and invited Neon, Sasha, and other friends. Guess what? They all came! After prayers, we had fun buzzing out songs and creating this cool pinwheel craft. Even if life’s winds blow us in different directions, we can respect each other and find ways to live in harmony. Try making your own pinwheel!

NATURE INSPIRED ME TO CREATE THIS COOL CRAFT!



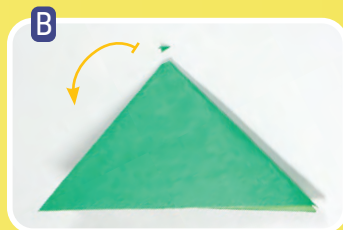
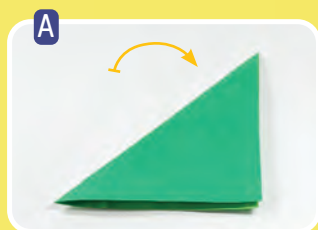
You'll Need

- two shades of leaf-colored construction paper, 6" (15.2 cm) square
- tacky glue
- scissors
- pencil
- ruler
- hole punch
- thick dark-colored marker
- wooden skewer
- bead with hole just large enough for skewer's point
- 2.5" (6.4 cm) piece of drinking straw
- duct tape
- stem-colored pencil
- 5" tall (12.7 cm) recyclable jar
- sand or pea-sized gravel
- decorations like string, small nature items, or ornaments

- 1 Evenly glue square papers together.



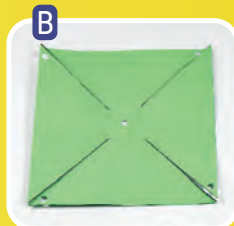
- 2 (A) Fold paper in half diagonally so opposite corners touch. (B) Fold in half diagonally again so opposite corners touch. Cut off tip of most creased corner to make a small hole in center of paper. Open paper.



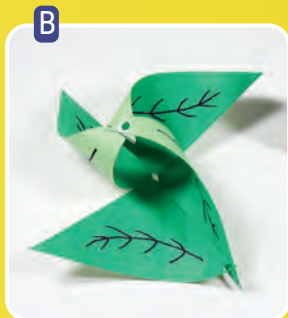
- 3 (A) With pencil, draw 3½" (8.9 cm) lines along creases, starting at each corner. (B) Cut along each crease, stopping at end of each crease's line.



4 (A) With paper facing you as a square shape, punch hole in corner of left side of a triangle flap. Leave enough space for glue around hole. (B) Rotate paper and repeat Step 4A for each triangle flap to make three more holes.



5 (A) Centered and arced along an outer edge, use thick marker to draw veins of leaves. Repeat for each outer edge on front and back sides of paper. (B) Fold (without creasing) each punched corner's leaf so four holes overlap in center. Add glue between corners to hold leaves together. Squeeze glued corners to secure. Let glue dry.



6 Thread wooden skewer through back and front holes, so point faces front of pinwheel. With glue, secure bead snugly on skewer's point. Trim skewer's point. Let glue dry.



7 With front of pinwheel touching (not glued to) back of bead, thread open end of skewer through straw, stopping just before back of pinwheel. Pinwheel should spin easily between bead and straw.



8 (A) Cut off end of skewer so it extends about 1/2" (1.3 cm) past straw's end. Cover and secure ends of straw and skewer together with duct tape. (B) Secure top of stem-colored pencil to bottom center of straw with duct tape to form stem.



9 Fill jar with gravel or sand. Firmly plant stem in jar. Add decorations such as small nature items, ornaments, or string. Blow on leaves and watch your pinwheel spin!

