

PENNY SPINNERS

Spinning top toys are one of the most common old fashioned homemade toys. You can make your own using some paper, cardboard and a penny!

What you need:

- Copy of the Penny Spinners and Whirlygigs Template
- A Penny
- Crayons or colored pencils
- Thin cardboard (like a cereal box)
- Scissors
- Gluestick
- Glue

To make:

1. Color and cut out one of the designs from the Penny Spinners and Whirlygigs Template
2. Trace around your circle on cardboard and cut it out
3. Using the gluestick attach your colored circle to the cardboard
4. Have an adult cut a slit in the middle on the bold line, about the length to squish a penny through.
5. Push the penny into the slit so it goes about half way through the cardboard. If your penny fits snugly you are done, but if it is loose, or you want to use your spinner a lot, have an adult use glue or hot glue to secure the penny.
6. Once the glue is dry you can use your new Penny Spinner like any top on a smooth surface. Pinch the top half of the penny with your thumb and index finger, twist it and let it go. Your penny spinner should spin quickly.

For more fun:

Make several spinners and have contests to see which one stays spinning longer