Pinwheels for Peace

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Imagine... whirled peace! Help us celebrate International Day of Peace by planting a pinwheel. It all starts with one child and one square.

MATERIALS

- Scissors
- Straight pin
- Square piece of paper
- Pencil with an eraser
- Colored pencils or markers

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Start with a square piece of paper.
2. Decorate the square with drawings and symbols to represent your feelings of peace and harmony.
3. Cut along the lines from all four corners, leaving about 2 inches of the center uncut.
4. Gently bend (don’t fold) one of the cut corners to the center point.
5. Skip the next cut corner, and bend the next one.
6. Skip and bend until all four points meet in the center.
7. Stick the straight pin through all four points and the back of the pinwheel.
8. Stick the pin into the pencil eraser.
9. Find some wind and test it out!
10. Store your pinwheel in a safe place until September 21 (which is International Day of Peace) then "plant" it in the ground to send a message of world peace!

PINWHEELS FOR PEACE PROJECT

"A pinwheel is a childhood symbol — it reminds us of a time when things were simple, joyful, peaceful. To each of us, peace can take on a different meaning, but, in the end, it all comes down to a simple definition: a state of calm and serenity, with no anxiety, the absence of violence, freedom from conflict or disagreement among people or groups of people.” www.pinwheelsforpeace.com

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