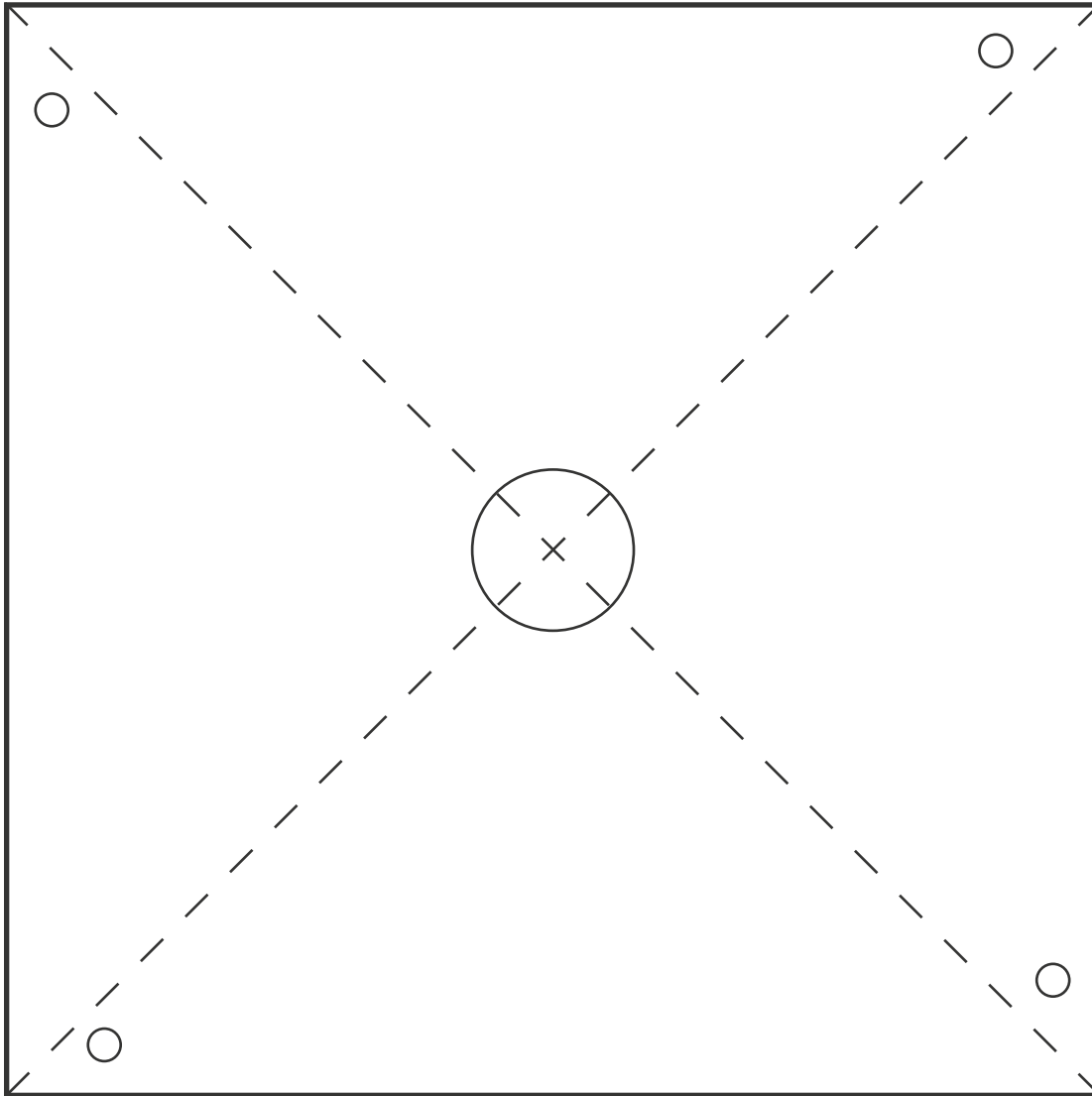


Make Your Own Pinwheel

Activity Sheet



WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- A pencil with eraser
- 8.5 x 11 sheet of construction paper
- Scissors
- Colored pencils or markers
- Paper fastener
- Plastic drinking straw

HOW TO MAKE A PINWHEEL:

1. Print out the pinwheel pattern. You can reproduce this pattern on white construction paper with a copy machine.
2. Cut-out the pinwheel on the solid lines only.
3. Decorate both sides of the construction paper pinwheel.
4. Cut the dotted lines from the four corners to the center circle. Try not to cut into the center circle.
5. Use a sharpened pencil to poke a hole through the circles in the four corners. The pencil point also works well to poke a hole into the straw. Carefully push the pencil point through the straw about a half-inch from the top.
6. Align the small holes on the four corners with the center circle.
7. Push the ends of the paper fastener through the holes in the pinwheel, then push the fastener through the center circle
8. Place the straw on the back side of your pinwheel and push the ends of the fastener through the hole in the straw. Open-up the fastener by flattening the ends in opposite directions.
9. Send a picture of your pinwheel to nhctcommunications@nhchildrenstrust.org to be featured on our feeds!

According to [Prevent Child Abuse America](#) (PCAA), the pinwheel “reminds us of childlike notions and stands for the chance at the healthy, happy and full lives all children deserve.” As the state chapter of PCAA, NH Children’s Trust uses the pinwheel as a symbol of great childhoods during National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

