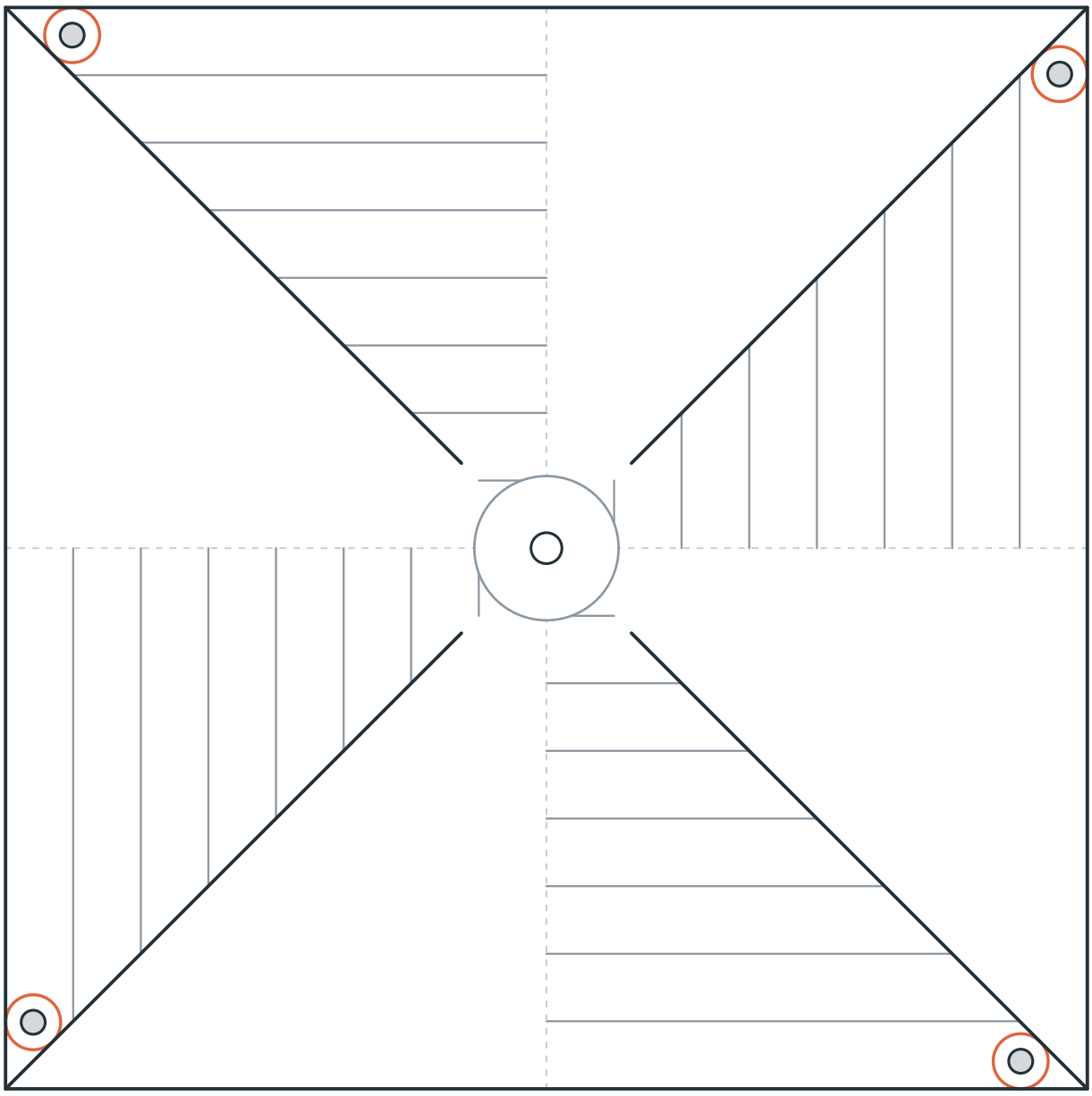
PROJECT 7 · PINWHEEL

Pinwheel

cut
fold
cut away



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Pinwheel

Ages 6-12 (with help) | 25 min | Mess: Low | Cardstock or two-sided paper

You need

- Printed square
- Scissors
- Hole punch or pushpin (adult)
- Brad (paper fastener)
- Straw or pencil with eraser

Skills practiced

- Cutting to a stop line
- Bending without creasing

LESSON LINK

Moving air pushes the sails, the same push a wind turbine turns into electricity.

Grades: 1-5

Ties to: Science: wind and energy. Earth Day.

Steps

1. Color the striped parts. They become the sails.
2. Cut out the square, then cut each diagonal line from the corner. Stop at the circle.
3. Make a hole at each of the four circled dots and one in the middle.
4. Bend each circled point to the middle, one at a time. Don't crease.
5. Push a brad through all four points and the middle hole, then through a straw. Bend the brad's legs open loosely.
6. Blow on it or carry it into the wind.

Tip: If it won't spin, loosen the brad a little so the pinwheel turns freely on the straw.

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