

Kids Korner

Huff And Puff Activities For Fun In The Wind

Now, that warm weather is here, you'll want to spend lots of time outdoors. Did you know that wind can provide you with hours of fun? Here are some activities from the "Huff and Puff's Hat Relay," a

Totline Teaching Tale by Jean Warren. The series features a different book each month. The story in this book is a delightful tale about Huff and Puff, two lighthearted clouds

with a flair for comedy, who watch the wind blow. From the fire station to the circus to the marketplace, hats are blowing all over town, and Huff and Puff are enjoying the spectacle.

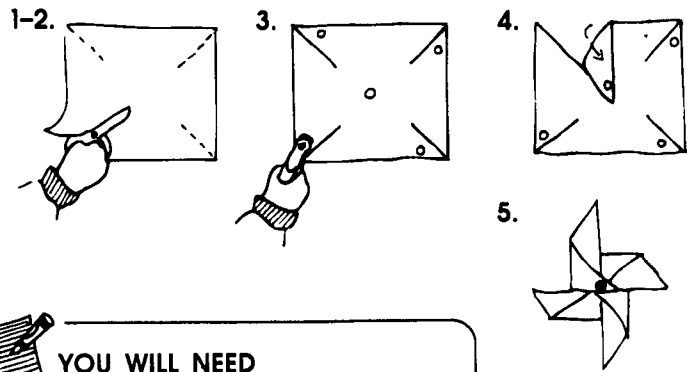
The second part of the book has 16 pages of songs and activities relating to hats and wind. The book is intended to be a read-aloud story for children 2 to 6 years old and an easy-reader for children 6 to 8

years old. The glossy colorful paperback book is available for \$5.95 from Warren Publishing House, Inc., P.O. Box 2250, Everett, WA 98203 or call (206) 353-3100.

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PINWHEEL

Make your own pinwheel and watch it spin around in the wind!



- YOU WILL NEED**
- construction paper
 - scissors
 - hole punch
 - brass paper fastener
 - tape
 - drinking straw

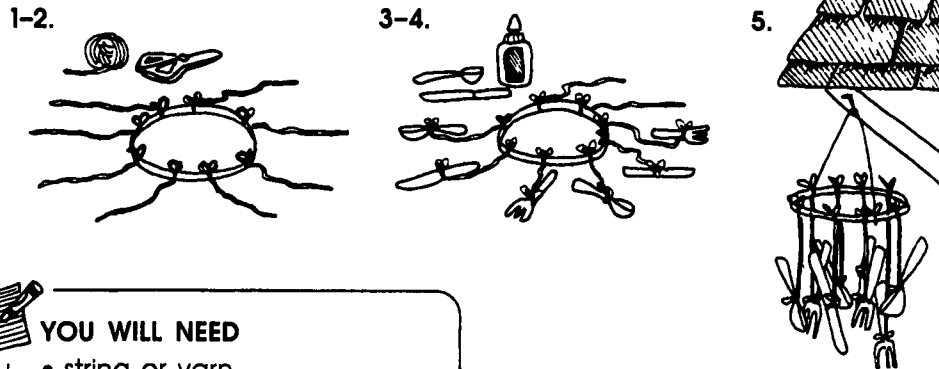
1. Cut a large square out of construction paper
2. Make four cuts in the square, as shown in picture number 1-2 above.
3. Punch four holes in the square, as shown in picture number 3 above. Then punch a hole in the middle of the square
4. Bring the four holes to the center of the square

5. Push a brass paper fastener through the holes to secure the corners.
6. Tape a drinking straw to the prongs of the brass paper fastener. You may need to loosen the brass paper fastener so that your pinwheel will twirl when you blow on it.

- FOR MORE FUN**
- Before making any cuts, decorate your square of construction paper. You will need to decorate both the front and back of the square

SILVERWARE CHIME

Make this chime and listen to it jingle in the wind!



- YOU WILL NEED**
- string or yarn
 - medium-sized embroidery hoop
 - glue
 - 8 pieces of silverware (different types and sizes will work)

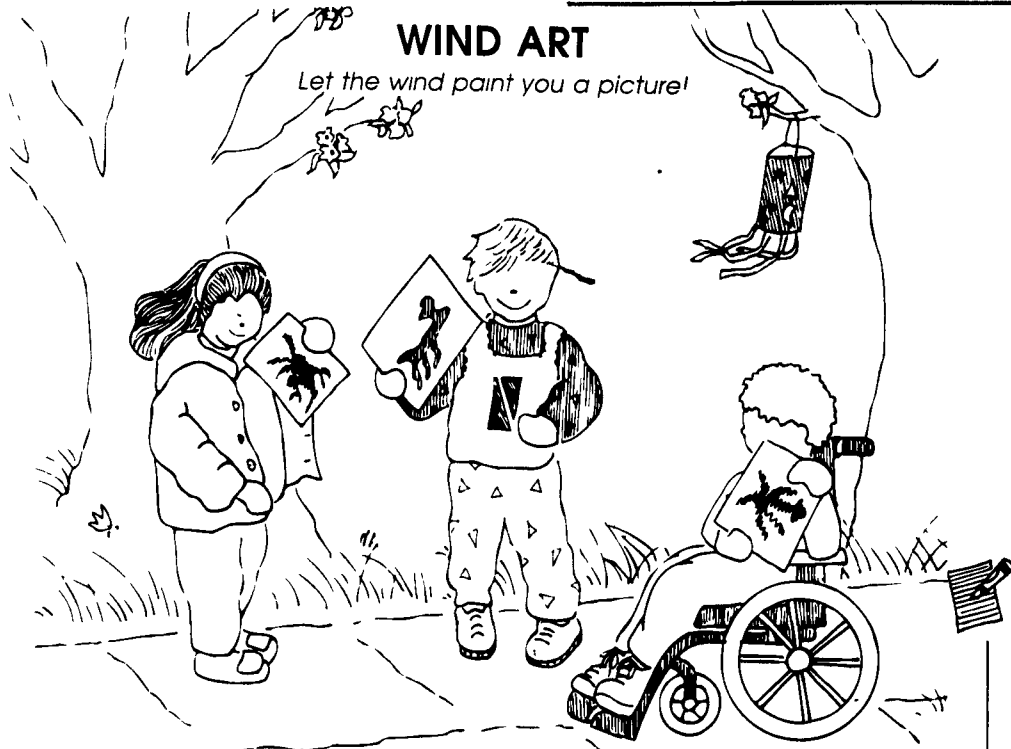
1. Cut string or yarn into 8 pieces, each 6 inches long.
2. Tie one end of each of the pieces of string around a medium-sized embroidery hoop.
3. Glue the strings in place onto the hoop, leaving an equal space between each piece
4. Let the glue dry, then tie the other end of each piece of string to a piece of silverware

5. To make a hanger for your Silverware Chime, tie two long pieces of string or yarn to the embroidery hoop as shown in the picture above.
6. Hang your Silverware Chime outside and let it blow and chime in the wind.

- FOR MORE FUN**
- Hang your Silverware Chime inside and tap the silverware with a metal object (such as a table knife).
 - Instead of silverware, tie the ends of the pieces of string to 2 1/2-inch-long nails.

WIND ART

Let the wind paint you a picture!



- YOU WILL NEED**
- liquid paint
 - paper

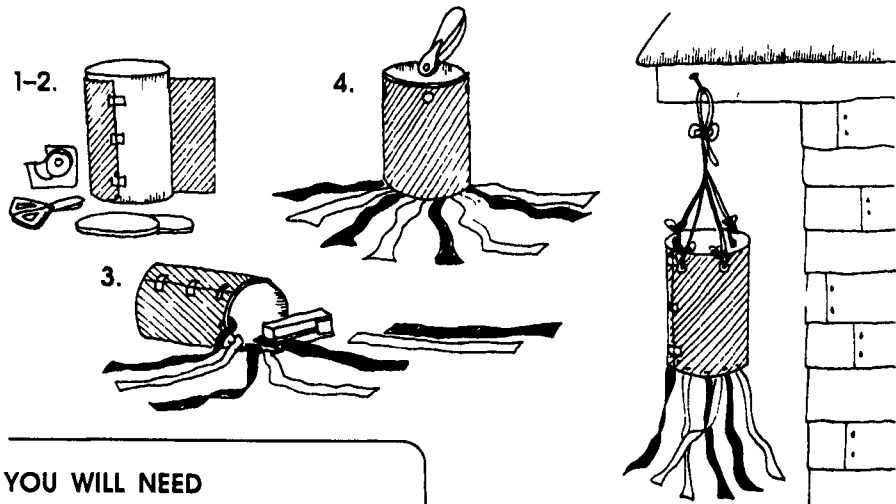
1. Drizzle a little paint on a piece of paper
2. Take the paper outside on a windy day and hold it up in the air

3. Let the wind blow the paint into designs

- FOR MORE FUN**
- Instead of letting the wind make designs, blow on the paint yourself. Use a straw, or hold your piece of paper in front of a fan

WINDSOCK

Hang your own windsock outside to blow in the wind!



- YOU WILL NEED**
- round container (such as a round oatmeal box)
 - construction paper
 - crepe paper
 - stapler
 - hole punch
 - yarn

1. Remove the top and bottom from a round container.
2. Cover the container with construction paper.
3. Staple strips of crepe paper to the bottom inside edge of the container.

4. Punch four evenly-spaced holes in the top edge of the container.
5. Tie a piece of yarn to each hole, and tie the four loose ends together to make a hanger for your Windsock.

- FOR MORE FUN**
- After covering the container with construction paper, decorate it with felt-tip markers, paint, rubber stamps, or stickers.