



Jamestown + Historical Toys =Spinners

GRADE LEVEL: Elementary

MATERIALS: Two-foot long pieces of string, heavy recycled cardboard, glue sticks, scissors, kitchen skewers, and printable whirligig pattern template. The printable is optional. Students can also create their own designs.

OVERVIEW: Both Native American and European children played with whirligigs, also known as spinners, of different kinds. They made simple ones from string, woven grasses, buttons, and shells. Students will make theirs from cardboard and paper.

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- Printable Template

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How to Make a Spinner

Print out your templates and choose which two patterns you'd like to use best OR draw your own pattern on a blank template.



Glue one patterned piece onto a cardboard circle, cut around it with the scissors, and then glue the second pattern onto the reverse. Poke two small holes in the whirligig/spinner with the kitchen skewer and thread the string through, tying in a knot once done.

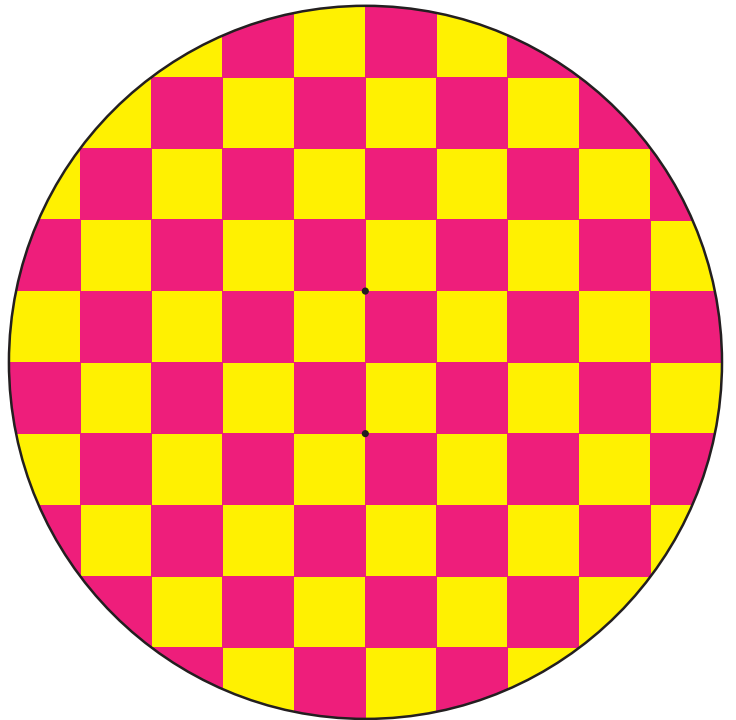
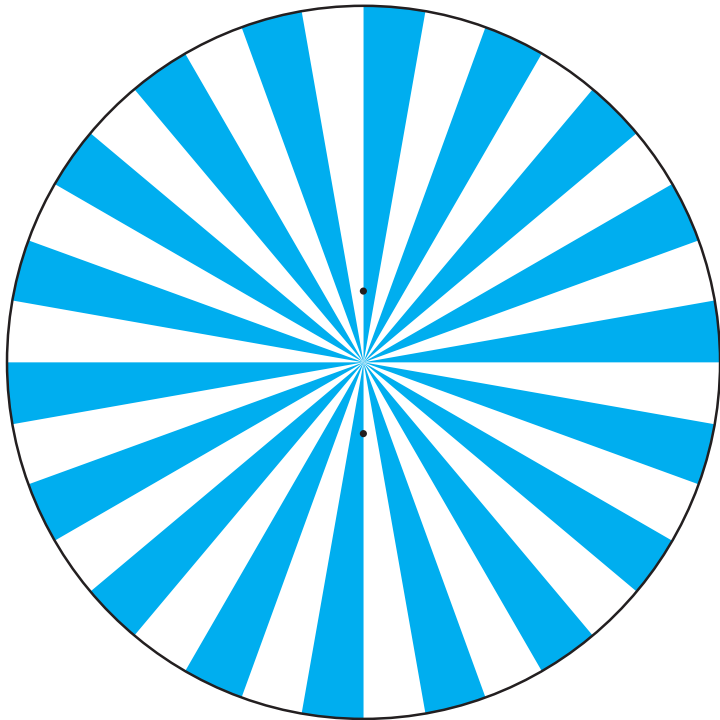


Twirl the string in both hands winding it up. Now gently pull outward from both sides, making it spin. Watch as the colors and patterns swirl!



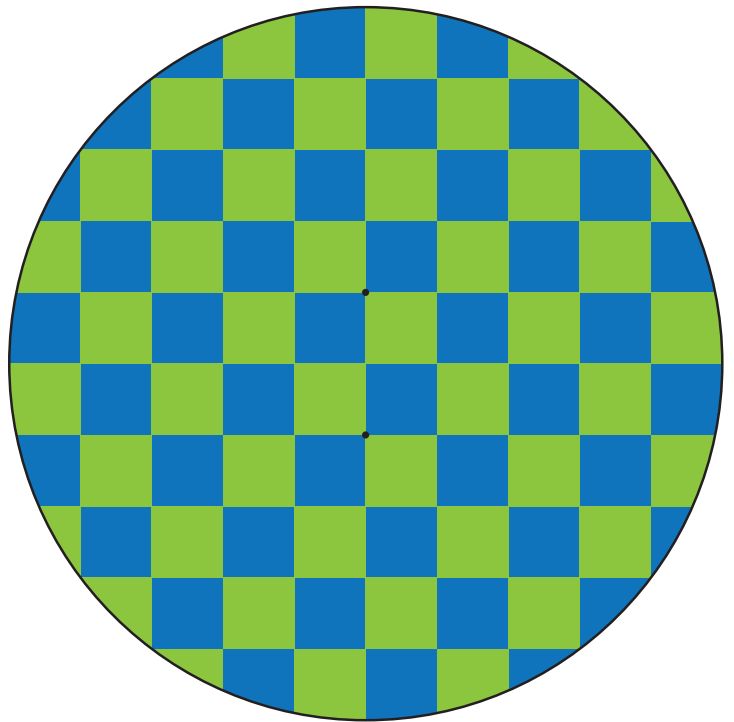
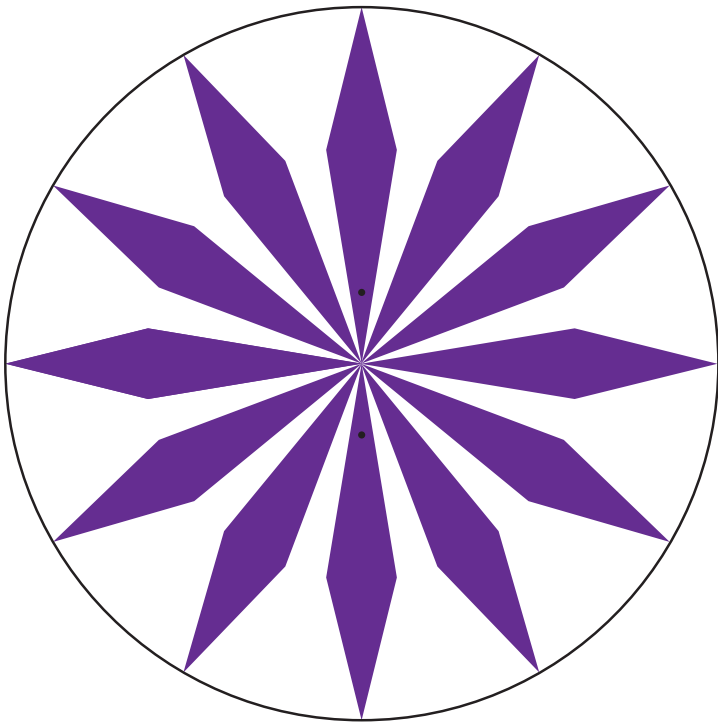
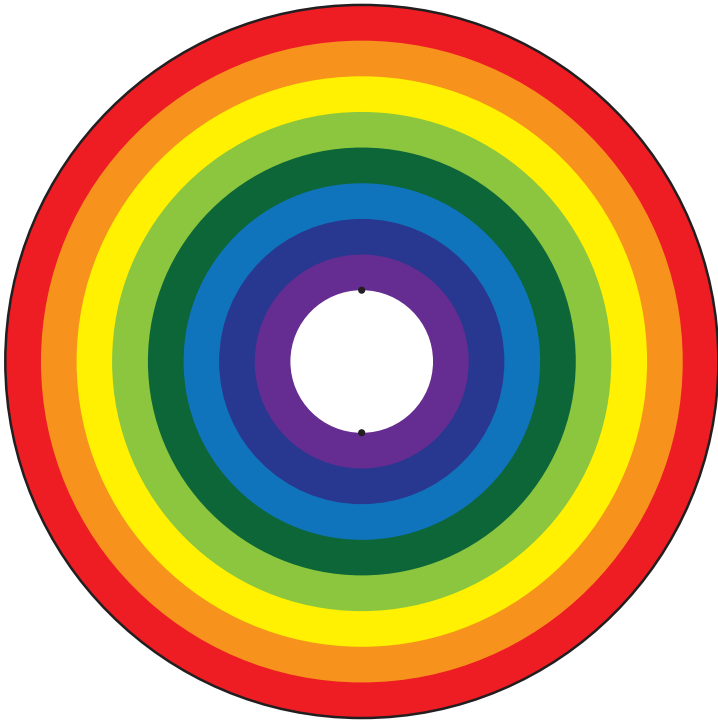
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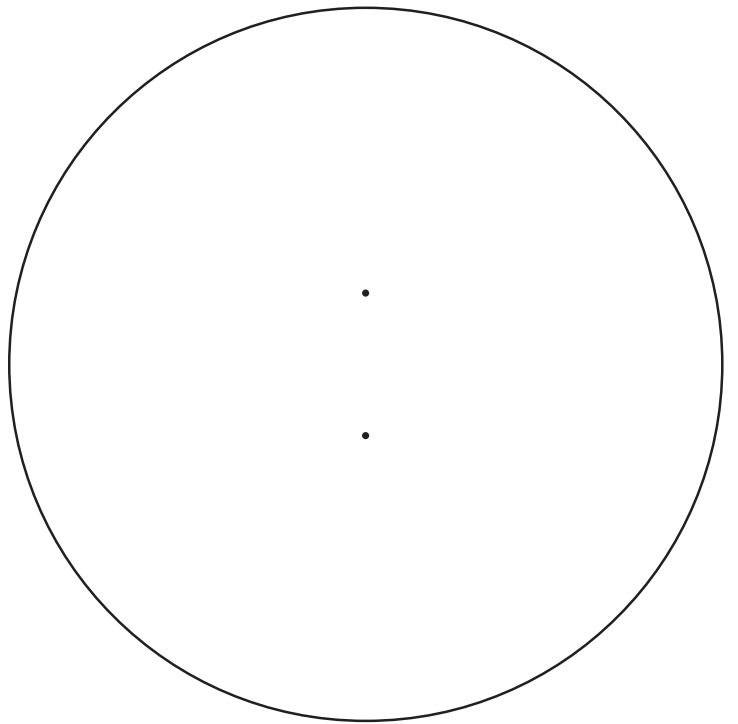
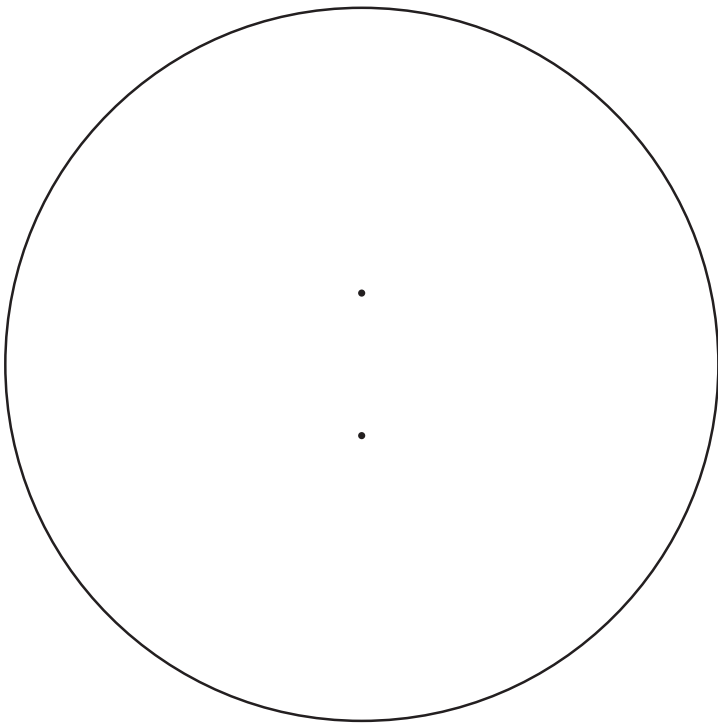
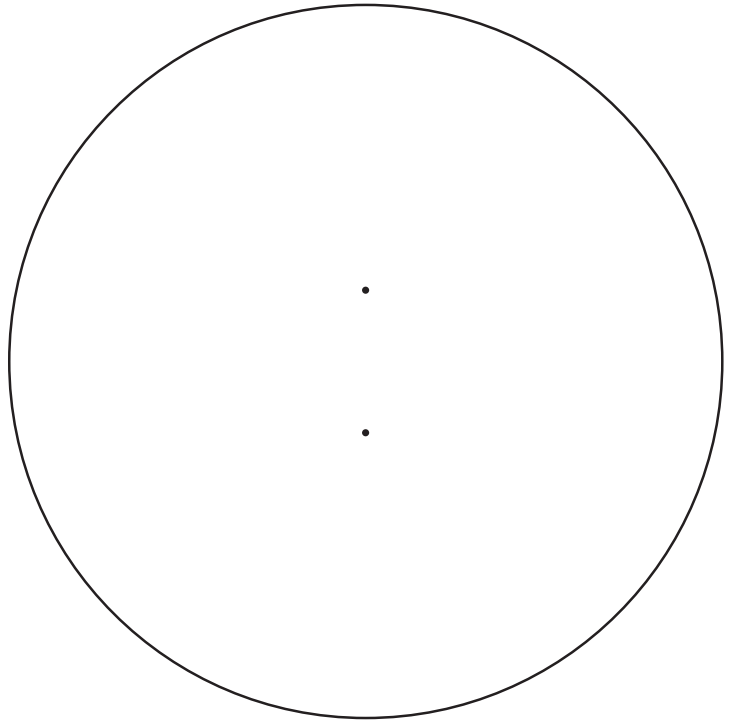
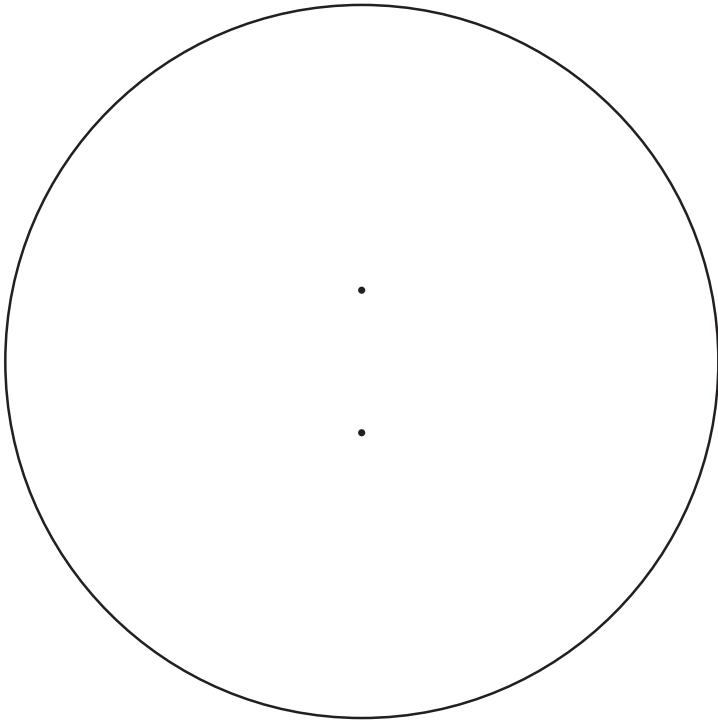
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