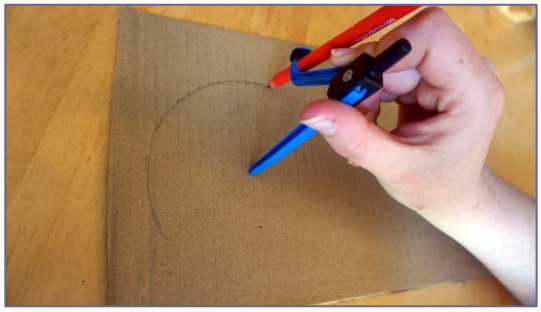
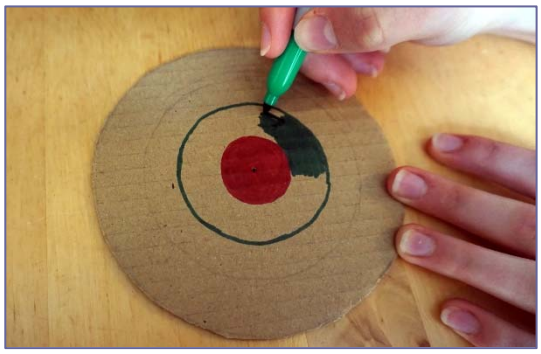
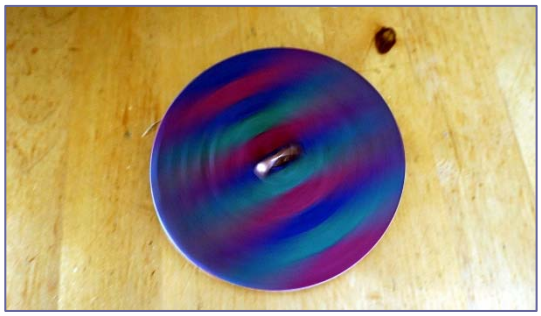
Penny Spinning Top











This is a super simple activity that any child can do, and keeps them busy coming up with ideas for different decorative designs that will work best when spun.

Equipment

Cardboard
Colouring pens
Compass – you can use a bowl or plate to draw around, but you need to find the centre of the circle, for the spinning top to work properly
Scissors
Coins – a 2p works well

Method

1. Using the compass, draw a circle on the card.
2. Cut the circle out of the card
3. Draw a pattern on the card – bold block patterns, stripes and swirls work best.
4. Colour the cardboard completely, as this will give the best effect, when the top is spinning.
5. Using the centre point of the circle, cut a slot in the card. The slot needs to be a little shorter than the diameter of the coin you're planning to use, and cut equally into each side of the circle, so the spinning top is well balanced.
6. Place the coin in the slot, and then grip the coin to spin the top.
7. Admire the effect of the spinning patterns.

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