

Garden Spinners


You're going to need;

2 sticks (either straight sticks from outside or some kebabs sticks)

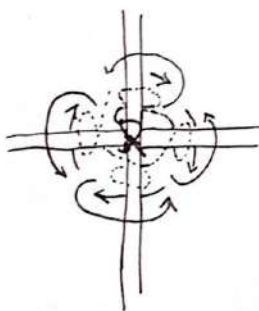
Some garden twine, or some string or scrap wool

Leaves, feathers - anything pretty or decorative which you can slot into the weave.

1. Tie two sticks together with a couple of knots

 and then twist them so they form a cross

2. Start to wind the twine so that it goes under and then wraps back round each stick



- keep wrapping until you fill it up - make sure it's kept taught and doesn't flop about. Tie a knot and make a loop to hang it with.

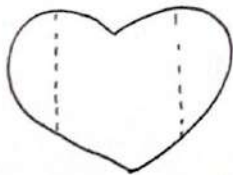
3. Find some feathers, leaves or flowers you can twist or weave into your spinner - add them to your spinner to make it pretty



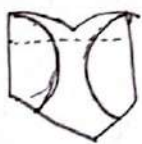
Make an Envelope

This is a lovely way to be able to send some love to someone you miss seeing - it's easy too!

1. Find a magazine page which is bright and colourful and carefully tear it out.
2. Cut out a heart - as big as you can make it - try to make it symmetrical, it works better.
3. Now it's time to fold!



a) first, fold the two sides in, roughly half-way across each side



b) next, fold down the top

c) turn it upside down



d) Lastly, fold down the point.

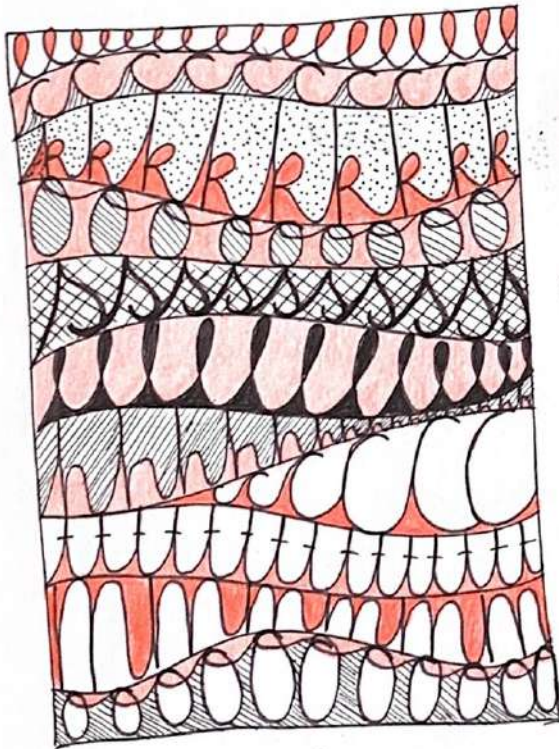
4. When you're happy (it might need a little adjusting!) you can glue it into place and write a little note to go inside.



Dear Tara,
I hope you are ok,
I really miss you and
being at work
together - your cups
of tea are the best
Hopefully I'll see you
soon, take care,
Heather xx

Happy Handwriting

1. Draw a frame - it's good to know the boundaries!
2. Draw some (not too many!) wavy lines across it
3. Pick some letters to write my favourites are c, k, o, t, h, s, e and m




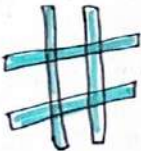
4. Try to make your letters fill the shape and space - you will need to write different-sized letters to do it.

5. I only had a red pencil crayon - not every colour in the rainbow like you'd expect an artist to have!! Use what you have

to make your patterns come to life.

6. Now you're done a small area, can you use a marker and make some wrapping paper in the same way? Try your name, repeating the letters!

Nature's Noughts and Crosses

1. Find some pebbles - you'll need 10 flat roundish ones.
2. Give them a wash and let them dry. While they're drying find some old tester pots of paint or some pencil crayons.
3. We had some tester pots, but you could always use normal paints (if you have them!) I let my daughter, Connie, paint the stones - she decided on leaves and flowers . She painted a background colour on each stone first and then the design on top - you need an equal number of each one.
4. The next job was to find some sticks to make the grid, lay them out 
5. Now you can start playing! Challenge your family to a tournament or leave it out on the pavement for people on their walk to play a game or two.
(Don't forget to bring it inside if it's going to rain!)



Store-cupboard Splodges

- 1x Tea bag
- a sprinkle of Coffee
- a smidge of Turmeric
- a splash of beetroot Juice!

1. Have a look in your cupboards - ask permission first. You need things like Turmeric, Coffee, Tea, Beetroot - things which have a strong colour.
2. Use the juice or make a small amount of Tea or Coffee, or sprinkle a tiny amount into a dish, to make some 'paint'
3. Make some 'splodges' - you can dab a teabag or use your finger if you don't have a paint brush.
4. Wait for them to dry (you could tidy up your mess at this point - think of the fairies!)
5. Now we are ready to add in marks with a pen, biro, whatever you've got handy!
6. You could use this to thank your postman or bin men. Write them a message and leave it where they'll see it!



Coffee


Turmeric

Tea

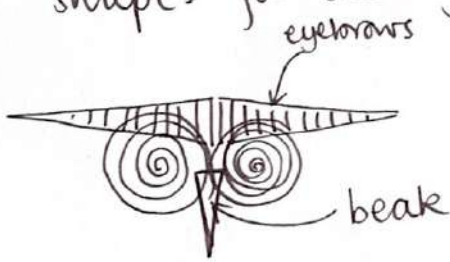
Owl Obsession?

Fancy adding to your parliament of owls? I must say, I LOVE owls; I saw a Little Owl on one of my walks this week, they're such characters!

You'll need: a cardboard box, scissors, glue, a ruler
2 small buttons, or stones or I used dried peas!

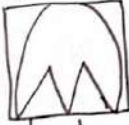
1. First cut some strips of cardboard from the long side of your box. I used 3 strips about the same length as a 30cm ruler. They were fatter in the centre, so start with your fattest strips first. (This will give your owl a nice fluffy tummy).
2. Start to coil up the cardboard, glue as you go, keeping hold of it so it doesn't uncoil itself. Dab extra glue on the end and hold it gently in place.
3. When you have used all your strips up and you are happy with how plump he is you can cut some strips for his eyes. These need to be thinner, but tapered in shape, like this: 
4. Start coiling and glueing two of these from the thinner end to make two concave spirals; glue the end and hold it till it is dry.


5. Next is eyebrows, beak and eyes so you'll need some scraps of cardboard. For the eyebrows, peel one top layer off your piece to reveal the corrugated parts, use two long triangular shapes for the eyebrows.



6. Cut a 'beak' triangle, you can glue the eyes together and add the eyebrows at this point, too.

7. I used two dried peas and coloured a pupil on them to stick in the middle of my owl's eyes but you could use stones, buttons, or anything you can lay your hands on! Stick these down in the middle of the 'eye coils'

8. Cut two squares of cardboard and cut out some feet  You can bend them and just stick the top bit to the bottom of the 'body coil'

9. Wings: Cut 2  and peel away the top layer of cardboard. wing shapes!

Bend these and glue under the eyes and at the sides of the body. Glue the eyes to the body.....

That's two!!



