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Is this Now or Historical Fiction? Craft for Ages 6 – 11 years

Simple whirling toys were popular in early America. Children enjoyed the toys, often made from materials at hand, including buttons, wood and pewter. The spinning disk makes a soft buzzing sound, and some early mentions of the toy in literature refer to it as a "buzzer," but "whirligig" was the name most often used for the spinning toys.



Cut a 24-inch length of string.

Thread the string through the holes in the button. Do not use a button with a shank. You need a flat one with at least two holes. Tie the string ends together in a knot.

Spin the button to twist the strings, with the button in the center. Insert your fingers into the loops. Pull the strings to let them begin to untwist. Release the pressure and then pull the string taut again to keep the whirligig spinning.

Supplies available in Youth Services, while they last.

Warning!!

***Do not twist the string too tightly around your fingers.
This can cut off circulation in the tips of your fingers.***