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Pinwheels for Peace - Alternative Method for creating the pinwheel. –

Great for Elementary Schools

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Materials:

Stick, straw or pencil

Scissors

Hole punch

tape

2 pony beads

½ of a chenille stem

Steps:

Color your pinwheel

Cut the diagonal lines

Use a hole punch to punch a hole in the 4 sides

Punch a hole in the middle

(this can be done by bending the pinwheel in half, and punching the hole while it's folded)

Wrap the chenille stem around the stick once

Twist 3 times

Tape the back of the chenille stem to the stick/pencil with tape so it doesn't come off the stick

Place 1 Pony Bead through both ends of chenille stem

Put the center hole of the pinwheel through both ends of the chenille stem

Put the 4 corner holes through the chenille stem

Put the second Pony Bead on both ends of the stem

Bend both ends out, like the wings of a paper fastener

If the ends are too long, trim with a scissor

I have found that Third grade students can do all of these steps independently, and younger students with assistance.

Sometimes, I incorporate the elements of Art, or just let them go!

Color themes:

primary colors

primary & secondary color designs

cool/warm colors

neutral colors

Black&White

Shapes:

Organic/Geometric

Positive/Negative space

..... the possibilities are endless

We also taped a paper ribbon to our pinwheel with an explanation, so when the children take them home, they can talk to their parents about the project. On the back of the ribbon, the children write their own messages for peace.