



# Project Idea: Create Spin Art

**Recommended for Step 2: Experiment with your medium, Choice 1: Use one medium.**

**Setup:** Traditional mediums include things like painting with a paintbrush or drawing with a pencil. Non-traditional mediums, such as spin art, sometimes use unexpected tools. Spin art uses motion (in this case from a salad spinner!) and paint to create art with lines.

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## Materials needed:

- Salad spinner
- 2+ kinds of paper (copy, card stock, craft, construction, watercolor, etc.)
- Safety scissors
- Squeeze bottles of washable tempera or craft paint
- Spray bottle with water
- Paper towels
- Drop cloth or newspaper
- Pencil
- Plastic spoons or cotton swabs (optional)

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## Activity:

1. Trace the bottom of the salad spinner on a piece of paper and cut out the circle. Repeat to create two circles on each type of paper (to make four pieces of spin art).
2. Cover a table or the floor with newspaper or a drop cloth. Put your salad spinner on top.
3. Put a circle of paper inside the salad spinner basket, and squeeze blobs or lines of paint onto the paper.
4. Put the top on the spinner and spin.
5. Remove the top, take out the paper, and let it dry.
6. Repeat using the other paper circles. Try different methods, such as spraying the paper with water before adding paint, dragging a spoonful of paint over the paper, or using a cotton swab to smear paint on the paper. If the spinner gets really messy, wipe it out with paper towels between spins.
7. When you're done, compare your pieces of spin art. For example, what colors, lines, shapes, or textures do you see? How did the different paper change what happened? How did changing what you did with the paint change what happened?