

Garden Pinwheel



To create these attractive garden features you will need:

- Double-sided patterned paper
- 80 micron laminating pouches
- A4 or A3 Laminator
- Scissors/crafting blade
- A map pin
- A wooden stick approx. 30cm in length and 5mm in diameter
- Ribbons and paint (optional)

Step 1

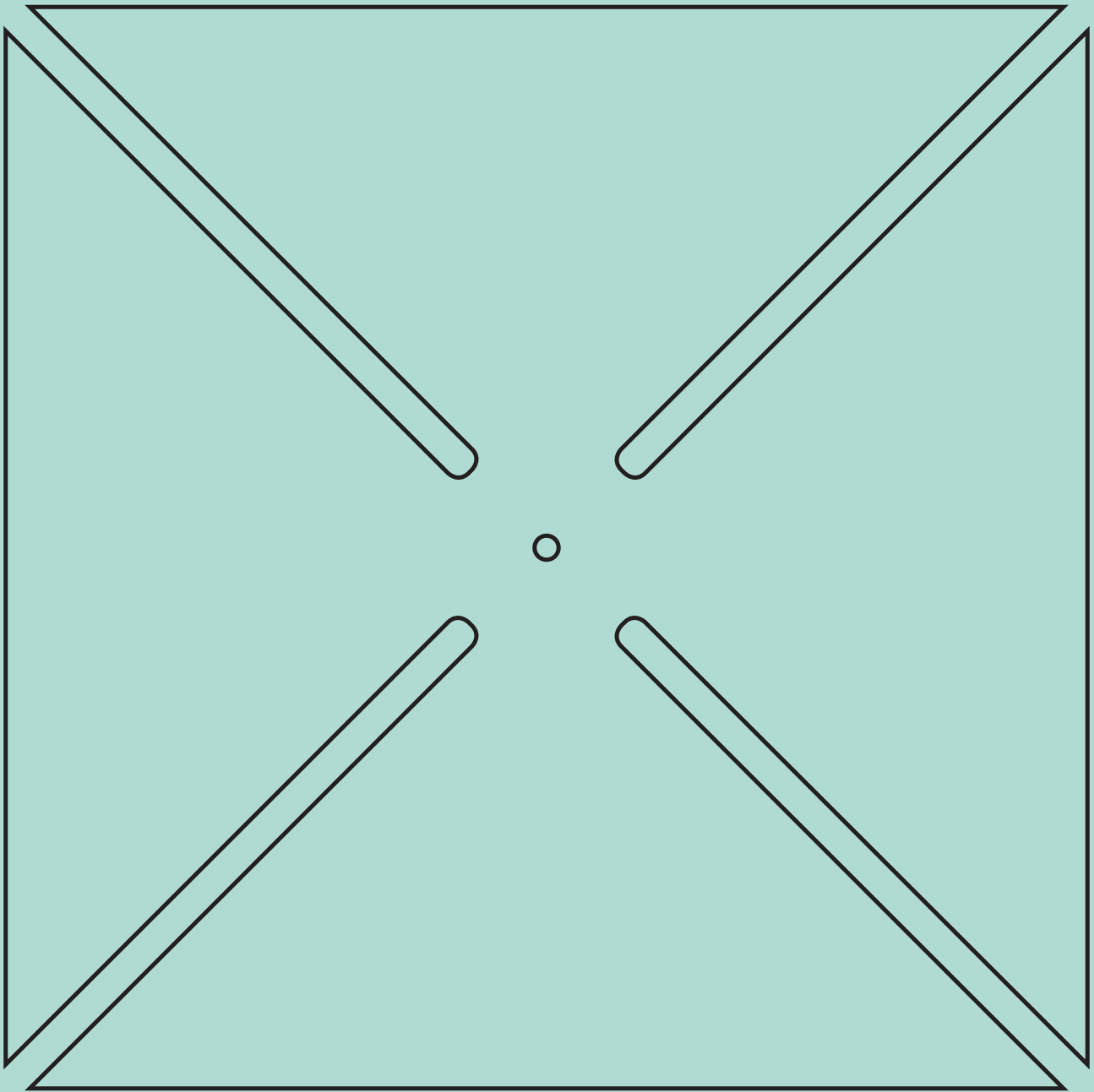
Choose some double-sided decorative paper – dots and stripes are especially effective! Lay the attached template over it and cut out the shape.

Step 2

Place your template firmly onto the paper and carefully mark around it with a pencil. Start by going around the square perimeter and then follow the four lines that run from the outer perimeter towards the centre, where you can then mark the dot in the middle for the hole.

Step 3

Cut out the template by starting at one of the corners of the square and then follow the same procedures as above. You will be left with a shape that looks a little bit like a Maltese cross.



Step 4

Place your paper shape within an 80 micron laminating pouch (2 x 80) and pass through your laminator.

Step 5

Cut out around your laminated shape with a pair of sharp scissors or a crafting knife. I recommend leaving a narrow 2mm border of clear laminate around the design rather than cutting right up to the edge.

Now for the real creative bit...

Step 6

Take the top left hand corner of your cut-out and fold it to the centre circle – holding it firmly in position but being careful not to crease the fold. Work clockwise around the square and fold in the first corner of each triangle to the centre – make sure all four corners are overlapping so as not to be released. You will now have a flower shape featuring four curled petals.

Step 7

Finally, take your pin and push it through all four corners of your flower, through the hole in the centre and onto your stick - approximate 10mm from the top. (If the wood on your stick is hard, you may need a small hammer to gently tap in the pin.)

The Full Effect

If you'd like your pinwheel to spin in the wind rather than remain static, just thread your pin through a small bead between the underside of the flower and the stick. This will act as a spacer and thereby allow rotation. You will obviously need to use a pin that is long enough to accommodate the bead. I also like to glue a small floral shaped button onto the head of the map pin for the perfect centre-piece.

As an extra special creative touch why not decorate your stick by painting it and adding ribbons or ornamental charms!



