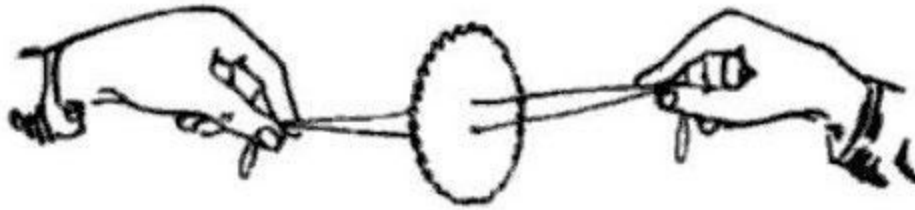


Make a Whirligig (or Buzz Saw)



People are people no matter the time in which they live. Boredom is something that kids experience today and in Felicity's time. Today, kids often have dozens of toys, games and electronic gadgets to entertain them. In Felicity's time, very few kids had store bought playthings. Rather they used whatever materials they could find at home or outside to create games or toys that they could use to fill the little time they had to be bored. Over the years, whirligigs have been made from deer antler to wood and metal. Though the materials have changed over time, whirligig toys have been entertaining kids for thousands of years. Now you can make one using the materials of our day.

Materials:

- A large button with 4 holes in it (1.5 - 2" if you can find one)
- String or yarn (something thin enough to fit through the holes in the button)

Instructions:

1. Cut a piece of string that is about 24" long
2. Thread one end of the string through one of the holes in the button
3. Thread the other end of the string through a hole that is on a diagonal from the first hole you threaded (fig. 1)
4. Tie the two ends of the thread together to make a knot (fig. 2)

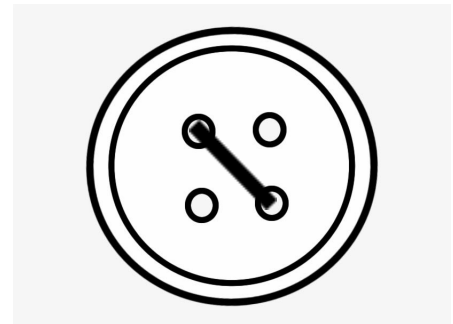


Fig. 1

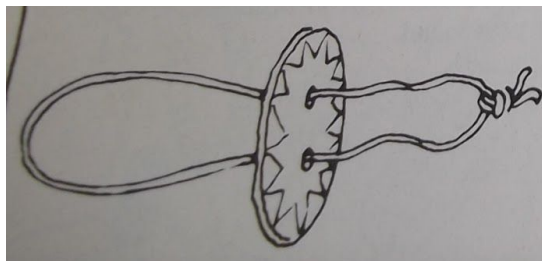


Fig. 2

NOTES: Try different shapes, thicker or thinner string and different sized buttons. What works the best?