

Whirlybird Game

This schoolyard favorite—the Whirlybird Game—is an interactive way to incorporate counting, colors, movement, and following directions into you and your child's 10 minutes of daily Play With a Purpose! Print, fold, and play!

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CAREGIVER AND CHILD:

What you'll need:

• Scissors • 8 ½ x 11 paper



1. Print and cut out the Whirlybird along the dotted lines. If your child can cut by themself, ask them to practice their scissor skills. If they are not ready to use scissors, you can hold their hand and cut the paper together.





2. Turn over the paper so the artwork is facedown. Fold each corner into the middle so you can read the colors and numbers.





3. Turn over the paper so the character movement artwork is faceup. Fold each corner into the middle so you can read the numbers.





4. Carefully, fold the Whirlybird in half so that Purple and Red are on one side and Blue and Green are on the other side. Then fold the Whirlybird in half again, so that the Blue and Green are the only colors showing. Then open the Whirlybird so that you are seeing all eight numbers again.





5. From underneath the Whirlybird, slowly, put your thumbs and index fingers into the four colored corners to pop out the Whirlybird into a three-dimensional shape.



How to Play With a Purpose: Insert your thumbs and index fingers under the Whirlybird into the pyramid flaps. Ask your child to pick a color. Then open and close the flaps spelling out each letter of the color that your child has selected. On the last letter open the Whirlybird to reveal the numbers. Ask your child to pick a number. Then open and close the flaps counting out the number. Next, ask your child to pick a new number. Open the number flap to reveal the activity for your child to perform. Fold the numbered flap back into the Whirlybird to play again.

Making crafts and doing activities is always fun! But remember, **Playing With a Purpose** is being actively engaged in your child's play. These activities are intended to enjoy together at the same time you ensure your child's safety and offer help as needed.



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