

FUN  
FAMILY  
ACTIVITY!

Here's a fun activity to do with your child that can also teach them about social awareness while we are all practicing social distancing.



# MAKE A PINWHEEL GARDEN

TO RAISE AWARENESS:  
APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE  
PREVENTION MONTH

**April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month.** The symbol used to raise awareness for child abuse prevention is **blue pinwheels**.

Last year, an estimated 678,000 children were found to be victims of child abuse or neglect nationwide. The most common type of maltreatment is neglect.

This month and throughout the year, Children's Hope Alliance encourages all individuals and organizations to play a role in making North Carolina a better place for children and families.

## HOW TO MAKE & PLANT YOUR PINWHEEL GARDEN

Use the template on the next page to make pinwheels. Be sure to use blue paper or color them blue. Then to "plant" your pinwheels in your front yard, simply stick them in the ground. Print the sign on page 3, attach sticks to each side, and plant with your pinwheels, or hang the sign near them.



HOPE, HEALTH, and HEALING  
for generations.

For more information about our services and how you can help, visit [www.ChildrensHopeAlliance.org](http://www.ChildrensHopeAlliance.org)

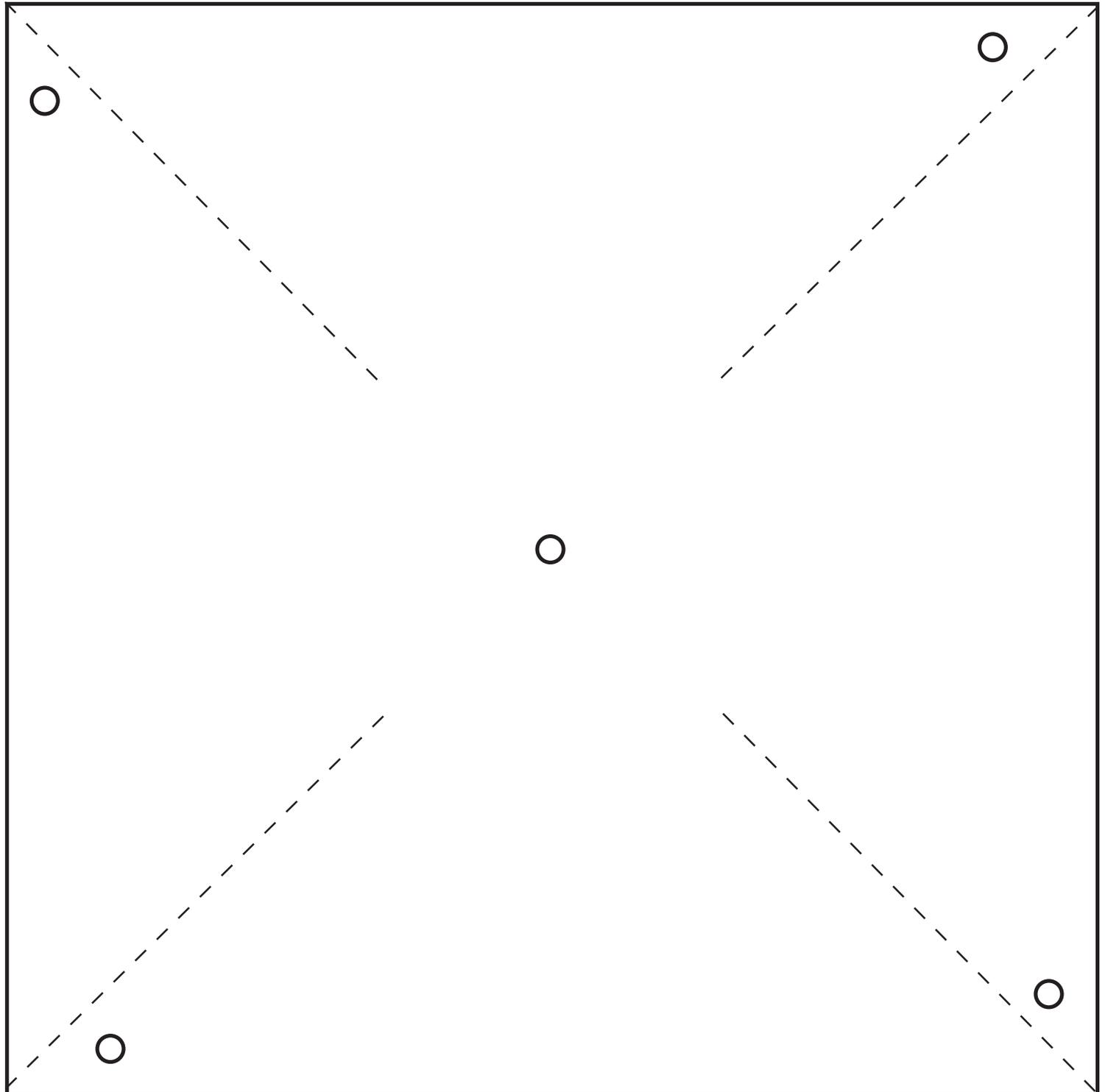
# How to Make a Pinwheel

## Supplies:

Ruler, scissors, push pins, hole punch, pencils and paper (Use blue paper or color pinwheels blue with markers or crayons.)

## Instructions:

1. Place your template on paper to trace, then cut around edges. Use the diagonal lines to cut your flaps.
2. Make five holes using the hole punch (see template for placement).
3. Fold your flaps parallel with the cut. Make sure the end reaches beyond the middle of the pinwheel. Hold them in place in the center.
4. Take a push pin and poke through the end of each flap where you made hole punches. Once through all four flaps, press through to the back of your pinwheel.
5. Push pin through the eraser of a pencil, making the end of the push pin flush with the eraser. You can also attach the pinwheel to a dowel, straw, bamboo skewer, or other stick.
6. "Plant" your pinwheel garden!



**children's hope**  
— ALLIANCE —

[www.ChildrensHopeAlliance.org](http://www.ChildrensHopeAlliance.org)

# APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

#BETHEHOPE



children's hope  
— ALLIANCE —

[www.ChildrensHopeAlliance.org](http://www.ChildrensHopeAlliance.org)