The whirligig, or buzz toy/buzz saw, has been found all over the world and made of many different materials! This simple spinning toy only has two pieces: a circular object, like a button, and a piece of string running through it. Using a whirligig requires some patience.

**BALL IN A CUP AT HOME:**

- **Scissors | String (2 - 3 Feet) | Round Object (Button or Circle Cut Out)**

  - Thread your string through the center of your round object. We suggest using a large button or cutting out a circle from cardboard using the template on the next page! If you've made your own center piece, don't forget to poke two holes in the middle like a button so you can put it on the string.

    Note: If you're using a circle cut out, you may want to layer multiple pages of paper or cardboard using tape, glue, or staples. The heavier the object, the better the toy will work!

  - Tie both of the strings together in a knot and push your round object to the center of your loop.

  - To use your whirligig, hold one in of the loop in each hand. Make sure the object is in the middle. Swing your whirligig around in a circular motion to wind the string. Make the object "whirl" moving your arms in and out.

    Listen closely: when the object starts to whirl, it will make a buzzing or humming sound. That's why it's known as a buzz toy or buzz saw!