

As the Calendar Turns



Crayola Supplies

Crayons
Erasable Colored Pencils
Pointed Tip Scissors
Twistables® Slick Stix™ Crayons
Giant Floor Pad

Household Supplies

compass
brass paper fasteners
straight edge

Why?

Keep track of the season, month, day, and date with this colorful, changeable calendar.

Steps

1. **Create changeable circles.** Fold a large paper into four sections. With a Crayola® Erasable Colored Pencil and a compass, draw four circles large enough to fill each section. Cut out circles with Crayola Scissors.
2. **Design the calendar.** Fold another large piece of paper to divide it into four sections. To create windows, draw a rectangle in each section near an outer edge. Make three large openings (month, season, and day) and a

fourth a little smaller (date). Cut out the openings.

3. Decorate the openings, edges, and sections with Crayola Slick Stix™. Add pictures of your favorite activities or changes in nature for each of the four seasons. These bright, intense colors blend easily with the tip of your finger or a paper towel.

4. **Make the wheels.** To create moveable wheels, place each circle behind a section so that a small portion sticks out slightly beyond the edge. Hold in place with brass paper fasteners.

5. Write January in one opening. Turn wheel so you can no longer see it and then write February. Continue through the rest of the months. Use this same technique to fill in other three circles with the four seasons, the seven days of the week, and 31 days of the month.

Adaptations

Use similar wheels for math, science, and other facts.

Find calendars used in other countries. Compare them to the one you use. Why are there so many different calendars?

Create monthly calendars.

Benefits

Students learn how the seasons are arranged through the calendar year.

Students identify how many days there are in a month.

Children demonstrate their knowledge of the seasons, days of the week, months, and dates by creating a changeable calendar.

Grades

Grades 1 to 3

Subjects

Math

Science

Visual Arts

Time

30 to 60 minutes

Multiple Sessions


Curriculum Standards Links

US: [Research U.S. Standards](#)

UK: [Research UK Standards](#)

Canada: [Research Canada Standards](#)

Safety Guidelines

Sharp Point— **CAUTION:** Contains a functional sharp point and should not be used by children under 4 years. Close adult supervision is required and adult assistance may be needed.

Small Parts— **WARNING: CHOKING HAZARD**—Small parts. Not for children under 3 years.

Scissors—**ATTENTION:** The cutting edges of scissors are sharp and care should be taken whenever cutting or handling. Blunt-tip scissors should be used only by children 4 years and older. Pointed-tip scissors should be used only by children 6 years and older.

