

Making a DIY Wind or Weather Vane...

Materials:

- A template for your Point and Tail and Compass Rose (See resource for this DIY)
- Hot glue gun or tacky craft glue, Water proof tape, and Construction paper or Cardstock
- Vinyl, sticky backed shelf paper (optional to weatherize cardstock)
- Plastic straw and scissors
- #2 Pencil with eraser
- Quilting pin with ball top

Weather vane Mount options...

1. A length of dowel rod and heavy tape
2. 2 liter plastic bottle and clean play sand to fill the bottle



Using the template provided or one of your own design, copy or glue tail and point on to cardstock or construction paper. Cut out the patterns as indicated. You may color or decorate these cut-outs as you wish. (Optional: Cover the tail, point and compass rose with vinyl shelving paper to protect it from the weather.)

Take the plastic straw and with the scissors cut a slit through each end of the straw about an inch deep. Slide the point into the slit and secure with glue or tape. Do the same for the tail at the opposite end of the straw securing it with glue or tape as well.

Take the #2 Pencil, and secure the straw, by pushing the quilting pin through at the center of the straw and into the pencil eraser. Do not push in too far or the friction will be too great to let the straw spin freely. Check it by testing how the straw spins in the pin. Back the pin out a bit if it doesn't spin freely.

Now depending on the mounting option you have chosen, secure the pencil on to one end of the dowel rod with tape or fill the 2 liter bottle with play sand and insert the pencil into the sand. The sand-filled bottle or dowel rod can now be placed into your weather station where the wind can move freely past it.

