

Directions for Making Albedo Spinner

Base: Option 1:

A base can be cut to hold the motor between two 4x4 blocks and no plywood is needed for a base by making a dado joint. The space for the motor may have to be customized to fit the motor.



Option 2:



- 1. Cut two 2in x 4in x 5in pieces of wood.
- 2. Cut one of the pieces 2in x 4in with a 45° angle on end using a mitre box.
- 3. Cut plywood 12in x 6in.
- 4. The two pieces will be anchored on the plywood board and will hold the motor between the two pieces.

Inserting the Motor onto the Base:

1. Align the motor between the 2in x 4in blocks (or between the supports seen in Base Option 1 and 2).



Base Option 1



Base Option 2

- 2. Mark the holes for screws for the motor.
- 3. Drill 1/16in hole at the holes marked.
- 4. Use the #4 wood screws to connect the motor to the 2in x 4in blocks.
- 5. Turn the blocks and motor over, placing them on top of some identical blocks to be able to attach the plywood.
- 6. Place the 12in x 6in plywood on top of the blocks and motor.



- Drill four ¼ in holes through the plywood and into the wood blocks. Don't drill through the wood block.
- 8. Use a screwdriver to put the #6 wood screws to secure the plywood to the wood blocks.

Finishing the Spinner:

 Add casters on the wood blocks to insure the disc will rotate easily.
Pop the caster covers into the caster anchors.





3. Drill a $\frac{1}{2}$ in hole in center of the circular disc.

4. Use dremel tool to enlarge the central hole in the disc until it fits the center gear of the motor.



5. Drill 3 x $\frac{1}{8}$ in hole 2in from the center of the disc at 120°.



6. Place #6 machine screws into each $\frac{1}{8}$ in hole and secure with a nut from the top of the disk.

- 7. Nail feet onto the 2in x 4in blocks so that the disk will ride on them.
- 8. Place the disk on top of the motor.
- 9. Cut off the connector at the end of the transformer.
- 10. Separate 1 in of the two wires on the end of the transformer.
- 11. Strip the ends of the transformer wire.
- 9. If the ends of the motor wire are not stripped, strip them.
- 10. Insert the stripped wires into the crimp connector and crimp them securely.
- 11. Check all wire connections for fraying or loose connections.



- 12. Plug in transformer for 10 seconds, checking for arcs, sparks or fires.
- 13. If there are no problems, plug transformer in and time 5 complete revolutions. Divide time by 5 to get the period of rotation.
- 14. Place object onto three machine screws and check that it is stable throughout rotation.
- 15. Use Kepler Light Grapher to create light curve of object.

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