

OT Friday Fun

Fine Motor Newsletter



Let's Make a Pinwheel!

As your student's OT, I plan on providing you with a specific, fun activity week to encourage fine motor activities at home. Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions or concerns. Now... let's get started with making a pinwheel! The next page contains detailed instructions.

Without a Printer:

- Follow the instructions using the materials listed below.

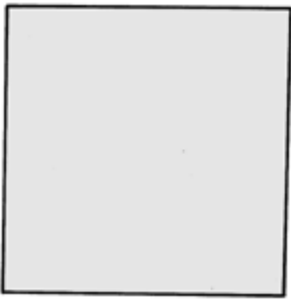
Materials Needed:

- Small dowel rod, popsicle stick, or stick from yard
- Push pin
- Scissors
- Paper (or printed template)
- Pencils and/or colored pencils (optional)

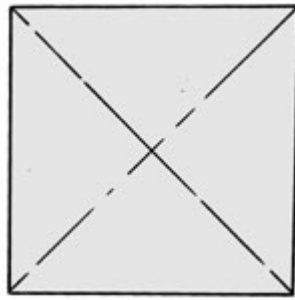
Ways to Incorporate Handwriting:

- Complete the template worksheets that involve handwriting
- Have your student write out the steps for making a pinwheel
- Ask your student to write a story about the pinwheel
- Have your student write their name on each wing of the pinwheel

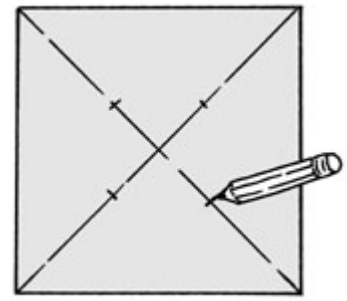
Please contact me if you have any questions.
Happy folding!



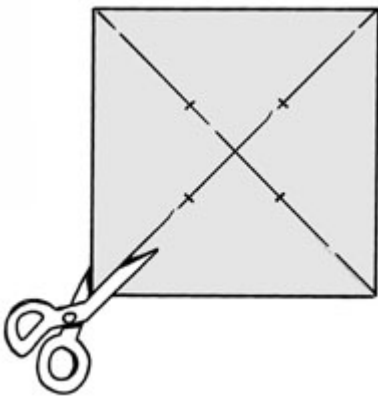
1. Begin with a square of paper.



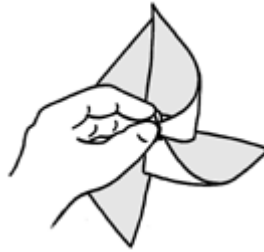
2. Fold your square, corner to corner, then unfold.



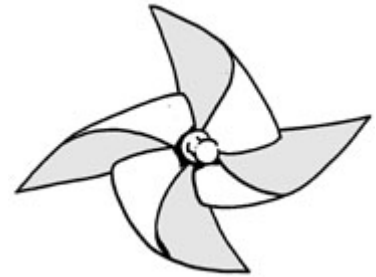
3. Make a pencil mark about $\frac{1}{3}$ of the way from center.



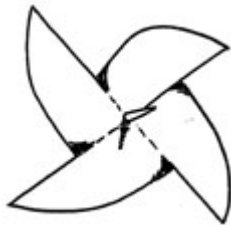
4. Cut along fold lines. Stop at your pencil mark.



5. Bring every other point in to the center and stick a pin through all four points.

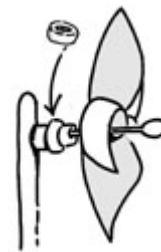


6. The head of the pin forms the hub of the pinwheel.



7. Turn your pinwheel over - make sure the pin pokes through in the exact center.

8. Roll the pin around in little circles to enlarge the hole a little. This guarantees your pinwheel will spin freely

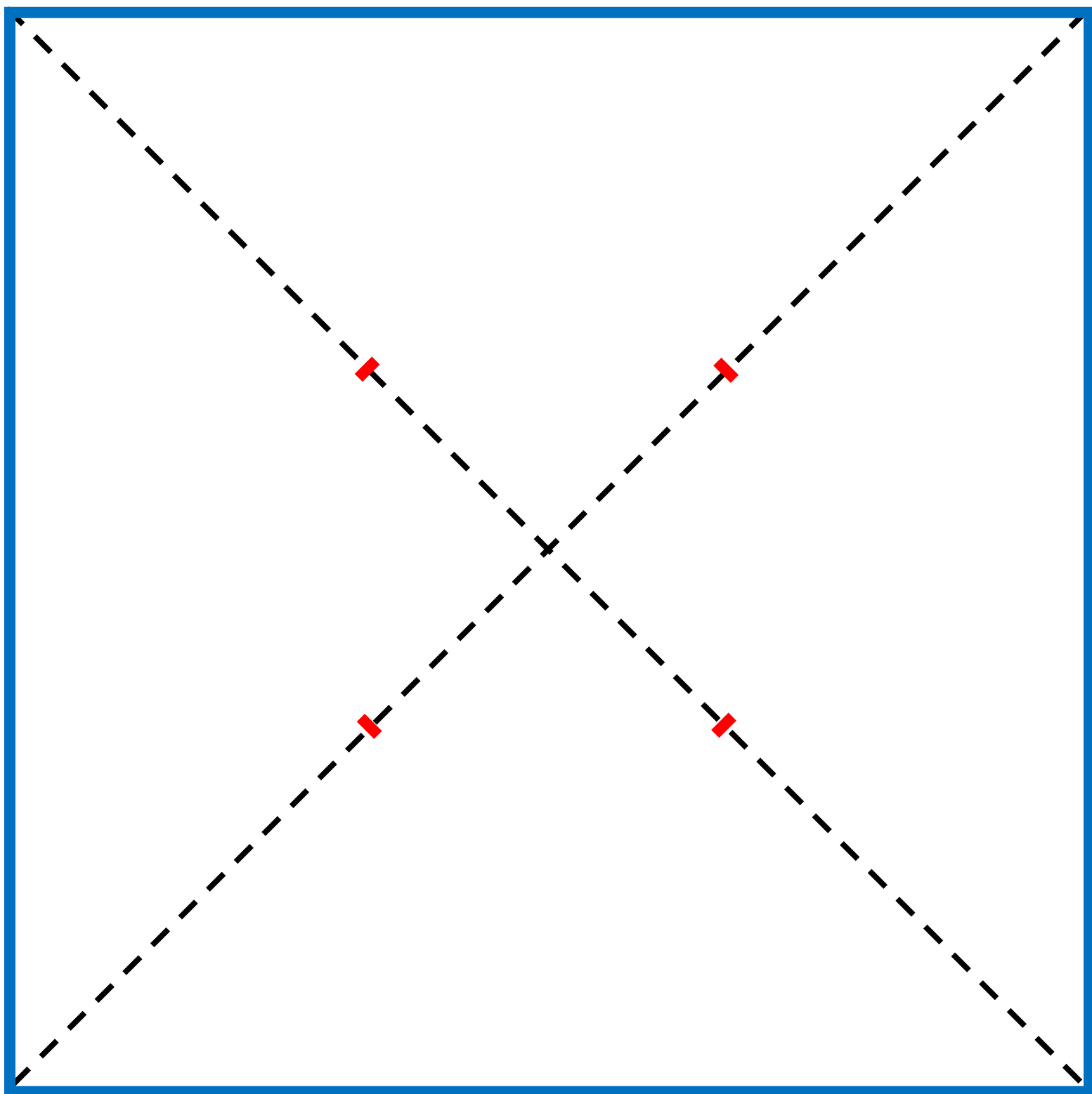


9. Stick the pin into a thin dowel.

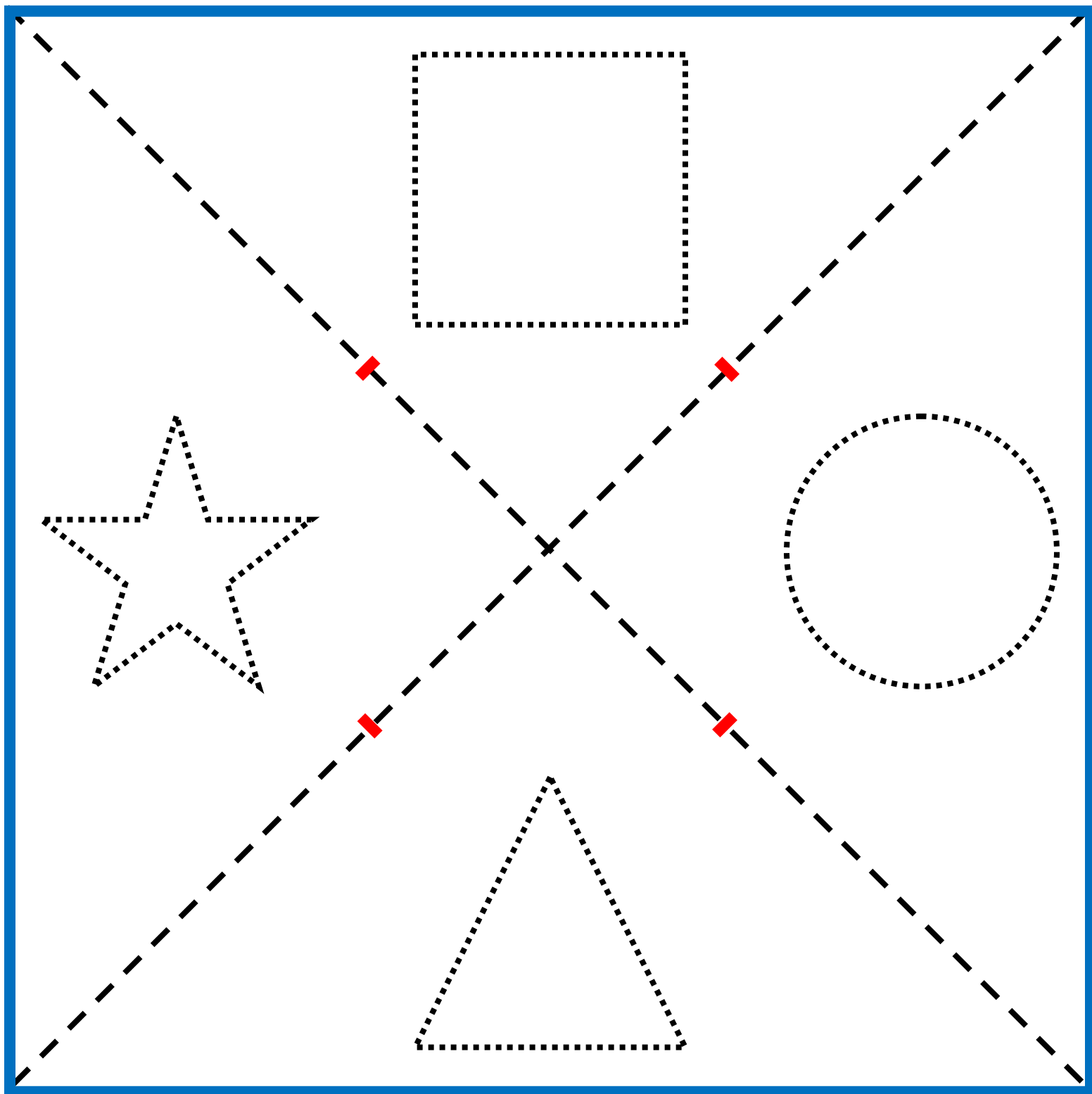
Hint: Separate your pinwheel from the dowel with two or three beads. Stick the pin through the beads first, then - into the dowel.

Instructions copied from: <http://www.leslietryon.com/3dcolorcutout/makepinw/makepinwheel.html>

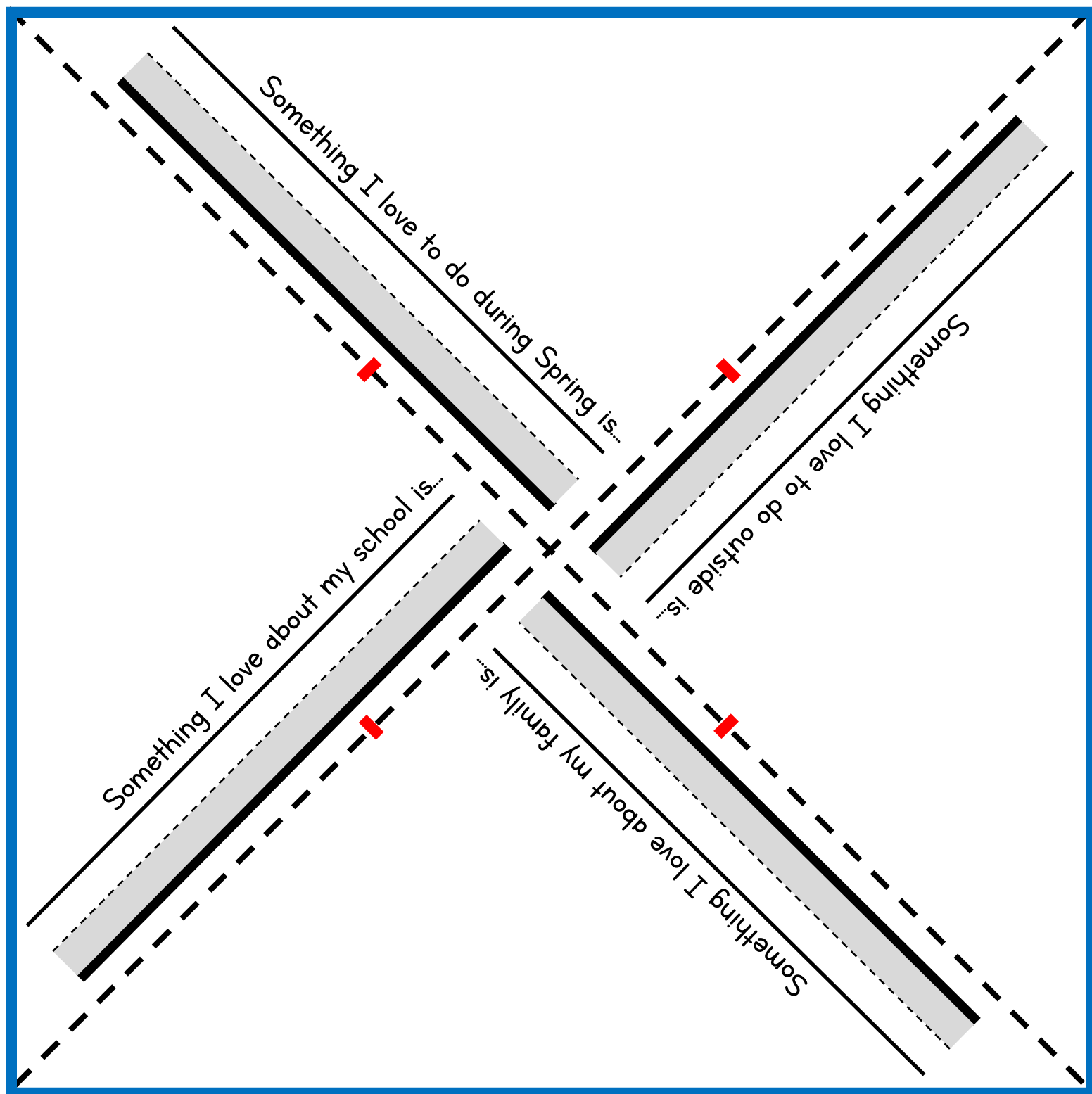
Please use the above instructions to make your pinwheel at home.



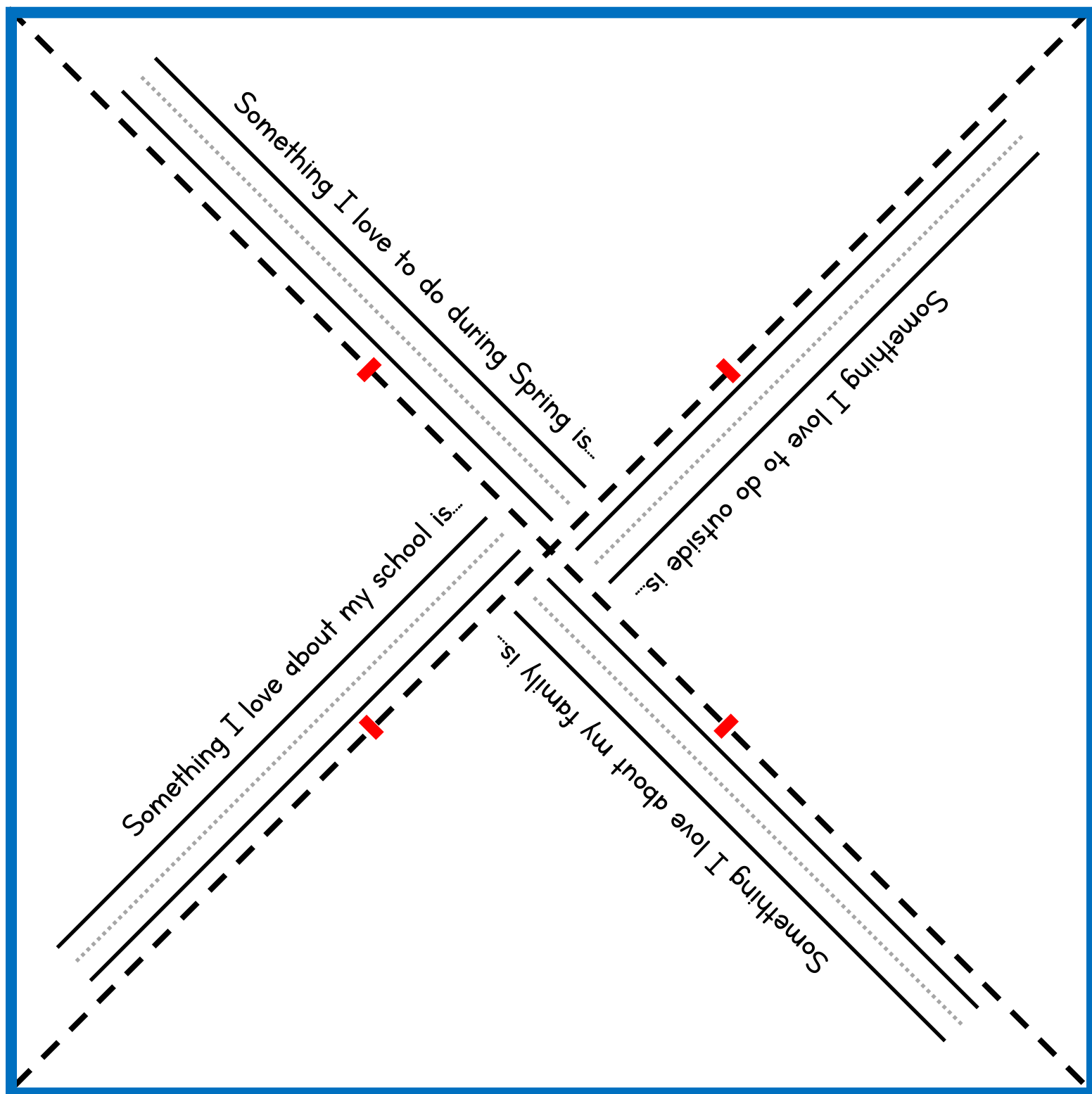
Cut out the blue square above. Use that to create your pinwheel. Cut along the dotted lines to the red lines.



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