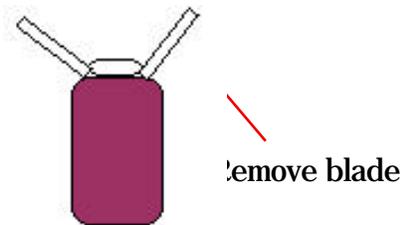


# Battery Fan 'Spinner'

**Purpose:** A spinner is great for random choicemaking. Place choices on a circular board, and the student presses a switch to select. Remember that this is **RANDOM!** The spinner goes very fast, so who knows where it will stop! We love the All-Turn-It™ made by AbleNet, and highly recommend it. Here is a low-cost alternative, while you're waiting for funding for the All-Turn-It!

## 1) **How-To:**

Buy a **battery spinner** at your local Dollar Store. Take off the head, and remove one blade. Turn the other blade upside down, and replace the head.

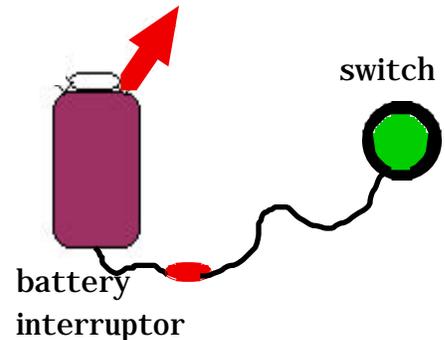


2) Use **colored cardboard or heavy card stock** to make an arrow - tape it around the end of the remaining fan blade.

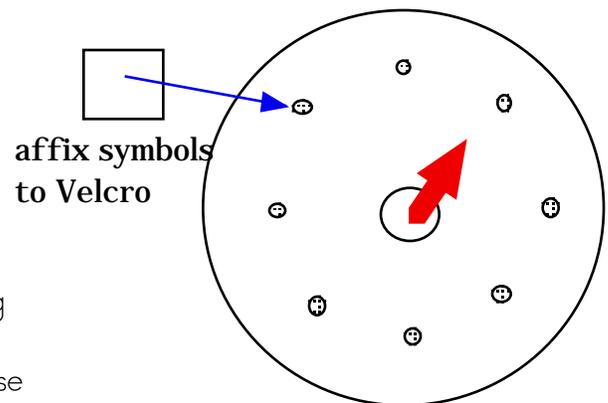


3) Place a **battery interruptor** in the bottom between the battery & battery compartment.

WHERE DO I GET IT? Make it yourself or buy from: [www.enablingdevices.com](http://www.enablingdevices.com) or [www.ablenetinc.com](http://www.ablenetinc.com)



4) Using **white cardboard or card stock** make a circle about 12" in diameter. Cut a hole in the center to insert the battery interruptor. Place **female Velcro™ 'dots'** around the circle.



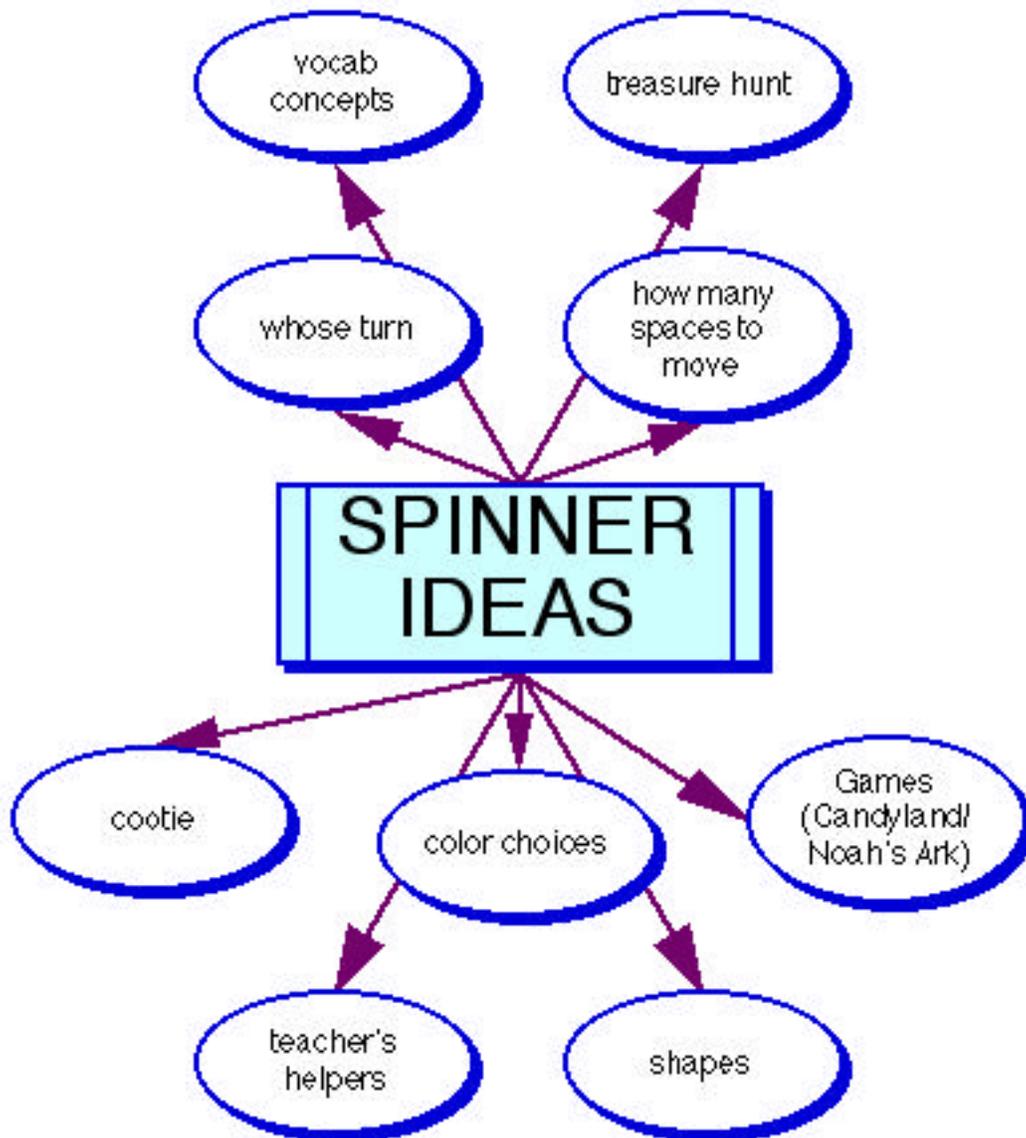
**Circle Board with Fan Spinner Inserted**

## **Mini Case Example:**

Shelly needs practice using her switch. She's struggling with switch timing, so her OT, Arianne, decides to give her multiple fun opportunities throughout the day to use her switch. One approach is using a fan spinner for:

- choosing songs for Circle Time
- choosing song verses
- choosing fun parts to insert when 'rewriting' songs
- choosing names of who's the next Song Leader

# More Spinner Ideas!



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