**Whirligig**

**Materials:**
- Cardboard
- Circle template
- Hole punch
- String
- Crayons/markers
- Scissors

Whirligigs were popular, homemade toys in the past. 200 years ago, children would likely have used buttons instead of cardboard circles!

**Instructions:**
1. Using the circle template, cut out a circle from a piece of recycled cardboard (such as a mailed package or cereal box).
2. Punch two holes in the cardboard circle, about two inches apart in the center of the circle.
3. Decorate both sides of the circle with markers or crayons.
4. Cut a piece of string two feet long.
5. Thread the string through the first hole and back through the second hole and tie the ends together in a tight knot.

**To Play:**
1. Pull the string so there is an equal amount on either side of the button.
2. Place index fingers through the two ends of the string.
3. Whirl the button in a circle to wind up the string. Begin to pull your fingers outwards to tighten the string. The string and button should begin to pulsate and create a whirling sound.