

Thinking Differently: Autistic and ADHD Women and Girls

Infinity Spectrum Clip/Pin Craft Instructions

As part of the WI Thinking Differently campaign, members are invited to create an infinity spectrum clip or pin to wear or give to others. You can also use our template MP letter to send to your MP alongside your clip/pin for them to wear. The letter can be found on My WI. Please send photos of your creations to pa@nfwl.org.uk

The instructions below outline how to make an infinity spectrum clip or pin in the neurodivergent rainbow colours (see image 1) or using the WI spectrum colours (see image 2).

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IMAGE 1: *Neurodiversity Rainbow Spectrum*



IMAGE 2: *WI Spectrum*



What you will need

For a 6cm Infinity Spectrum:

- Approx 20cm craft wire (approx. 26 gauge) (More wire is needed when attaching a pin than a clip)
- 22 x 6mm beads in a spectrum of colours (these can be crystal plastic beads, wooden or opaque plastic beads).
- One lobster clip or keyring / one small safety pin

Please note, different sized Infinity Spectrums can be made by using different sized beads. e.g. For a 4cm Infinity Spectrum use 22 x 4mm beads and approx. 16cm wire.

Instructions on making the neurodiversity rainbow spectrum clip or WI spectrum clip

Please note, instructions will be the same for either clip. The only difference will be the beads being used.



Step 1: Thread the clip onto the wire and slide to the centre. Twist two or three times to secure the clip (see image below).



Step 2: Thread 11 beads on each side of the clip. These will not be put on in spectrum order as each half of the wire will make one loop of the infinity symbol

Starting with the left hand side, thread the beads with a red bead in the middle followed by lighter reds, orange, yellow and light green on either side, in a symmetrical pattern. On the right hand side, thread the beads with a violet bead in the middle followed by lighter purples, dark blue, light blue and greens on each side of violet. (IMAGE 5)

For the WI spectrum clip, thread the beads using the green beads nearest to the clip, on both sides, moving into yellow, followed by pinks, purples, blues and finally orange and yellow (see IMAGE 6 below).

IMAGE 5: *Neurodiversity Rainbow Spectrum Clip*



IMAGE 6: *WI Spectrum Clip*



Step 3: Form the wire into a loop and twist the ends together, leaving a small gap to the right of the join. This will give space to twist the clip into position.



Step 4: Twist the middle of the loop to form the infinity shape. Twist again to secure, making sure the clip sits neatly. Cut off any excess wire and tuck the ends in to the middle of the symbol, to prevent scratching.



Instructions on making the infinity symbol using a pin (Neurodiversity or WI):

Please note, instructions will be the same for either pin. The only difference will be the beads being used.

Step 1: Thread 22 beads onto a piece of wire leaving a small space between the 11 for each side (see image below).



Step 2: Form a loop and twist the wires together, again leaving a small gap to the right of the join (see image below).



Step 3: Twist twice, where the two gaps are, to make and secure the infinity symbol (see image below).



Step 4: Use the ends of the wire to secure the safety pin to the middle of the symbol, wrapping the wire around the fixed side of the pin and the centre of the symbol (see image below).



Step 5: Cut off excess wire and tuck the ends neatly behind the pin to prevent them catching on clothing.