



Students Rebuild Healing Classrooms Challenge

Pinwheel Template



Thank you for taking the [Students Rebuild Healing Classrooms Challenge](#)! To participate, make and mail in a pinwheel. For each pinwheel you make and mail in, the Bezos Family Foundation will donate \$2—up to \$400,000—to the International Rescue Committee’s *Healing Classrooms* program to help Syrian children from conflict areas recover from crisis and grow into happy, healthy adults. The more pinwheels you send, the more youth you’ll help!

How to Make a Pinwheel

First, [sign up for the Challenge](#) so your pinwheels will count.

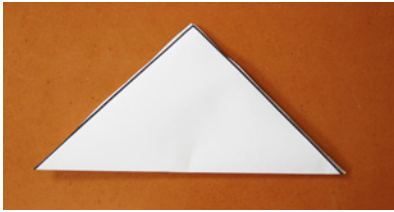
Next, follow these easy instructions to create a pinwheel for the Students Rebuild Healing Classrooms Challenge. You can also watch our short [How to Make a Pinwheel video](#). Pinwheels can seem complicated to make at first, but once you get the hang of it they’re very easy! Our instructions are for the easiest possible construction with the most accessible materials, but if you would like to use other materials or methods, please feel welcome to do so. We love seeing the many creative and thoughtful ways people everywhere connect and make projects for Students Rebuild!



Materials

- Paper (any kind will do but light-weight paper works best!)
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Decorative materials (markers, crayons, paint, stickers, etc.)
- Tape or glue sticks (stickers optional)





Directions

1. Measure and cut a square, or print and cut squares from our handy templates on the following pages; anything from a 4x4" to an 8x8" square is a good starting point.
2. Fold paper in half diagonally from both sides, corner to corner – then unfold back to square.
3. Your square should now be divided into four triangles, which meet in the center.



Because your paper will be folded again in the next steps, now is a perfect opportunity to decorate your pinwheel! Since realistic drawings might get lost in the folds we recommend working on design rather than drawing pictures—think patterns, abstract design, geometric design, rainbows and swaths of color. You can also decorate with images at the end—it's up to you! We encourage you to consider decorating **both** sides of your paper for maximum color and design effect!



4. Next, cut along the diagonal fold lines until you are about ½ inch from your square's center.

5. You will have what looks like four triangles; mark every other outer triangle corner.



6. Moving around your square paper, fold the marked corners to the center of the paper and secure the corner ends down with tape or glue stick.

If you have waited to decorate your pinwheel, please do so now, or this is a good time to add any finishing touches, such as thoughtful notes to the children of Syria or small drawings.

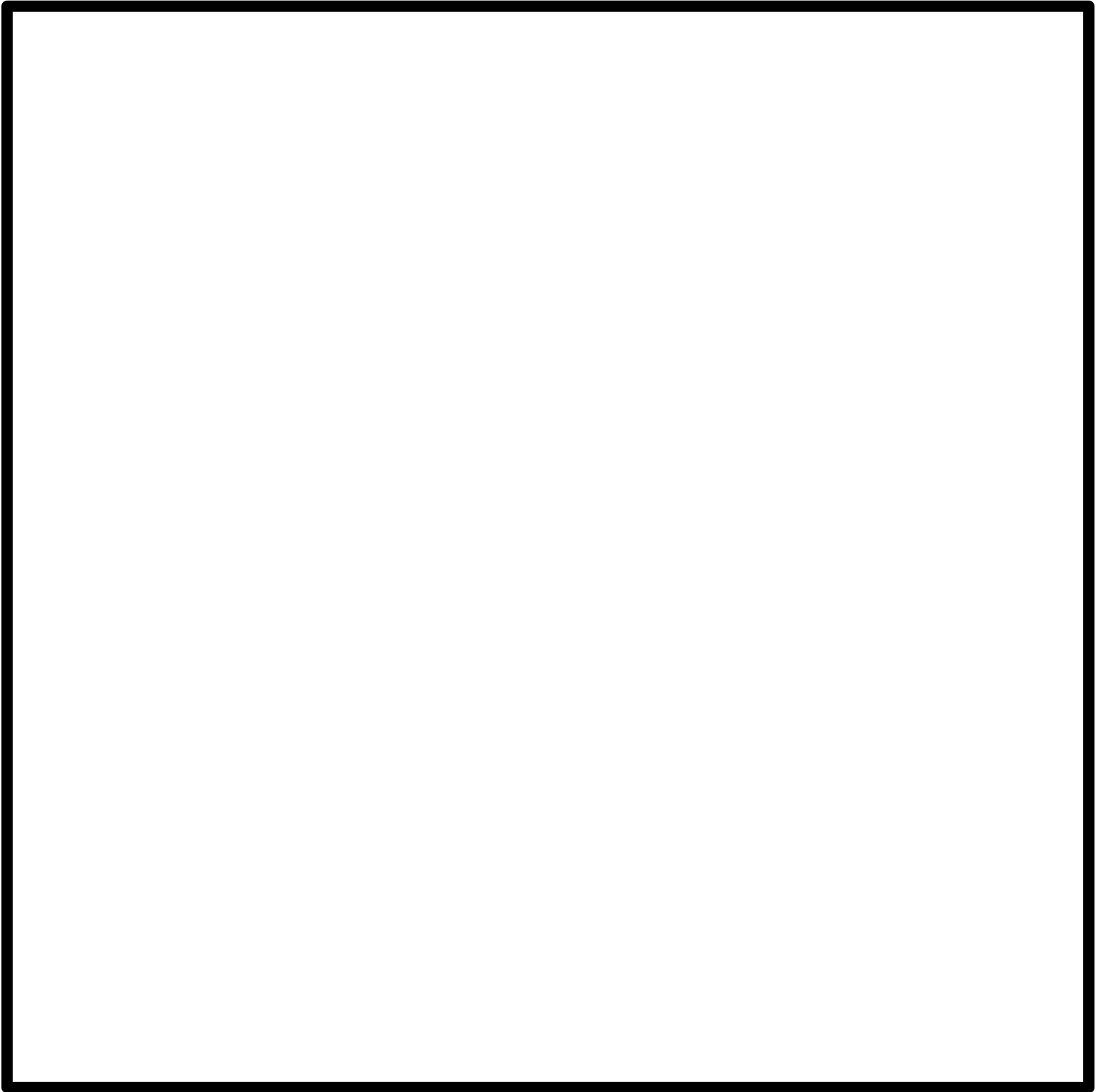


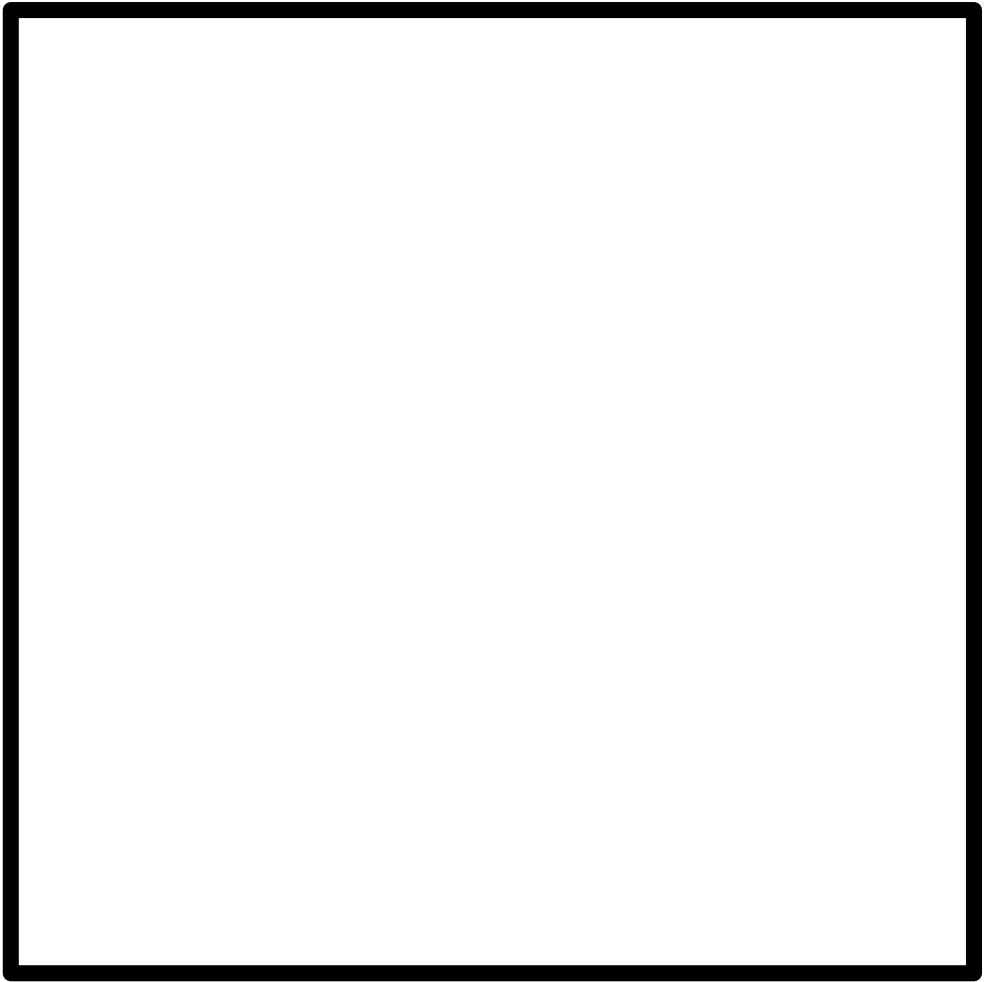
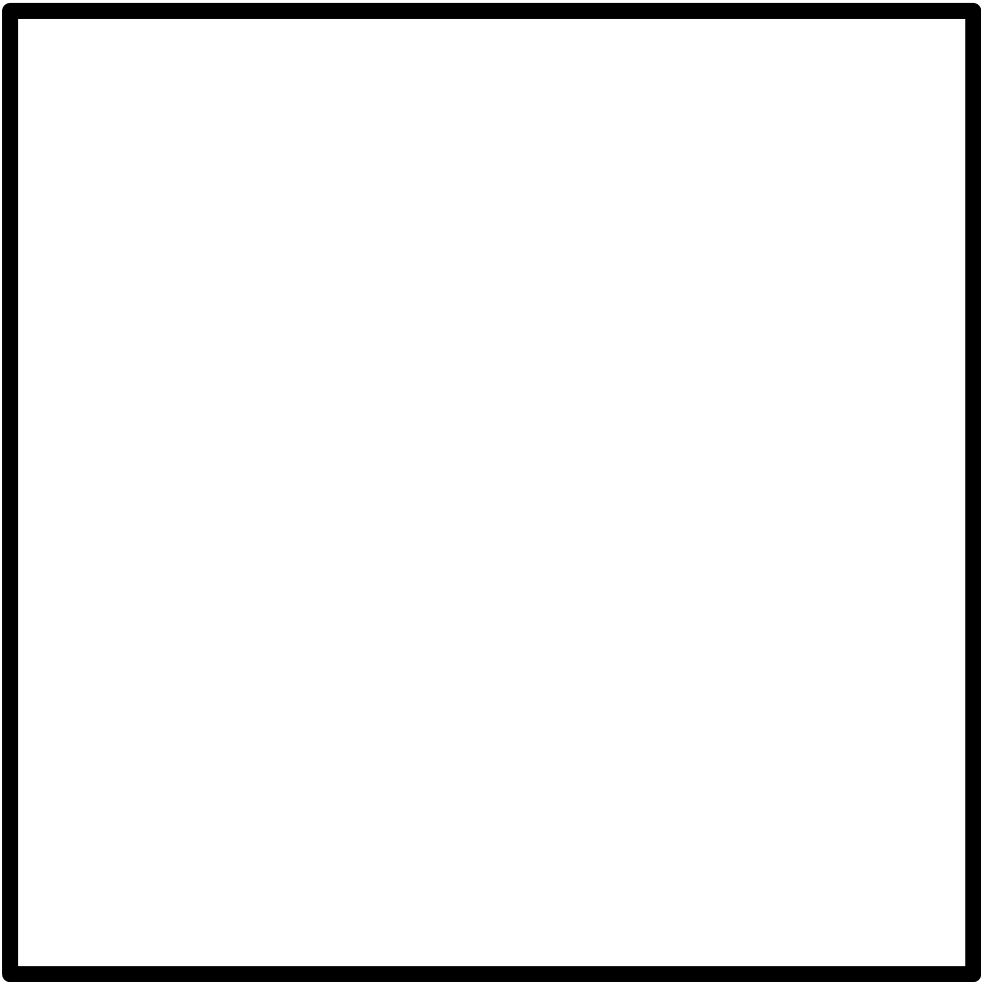
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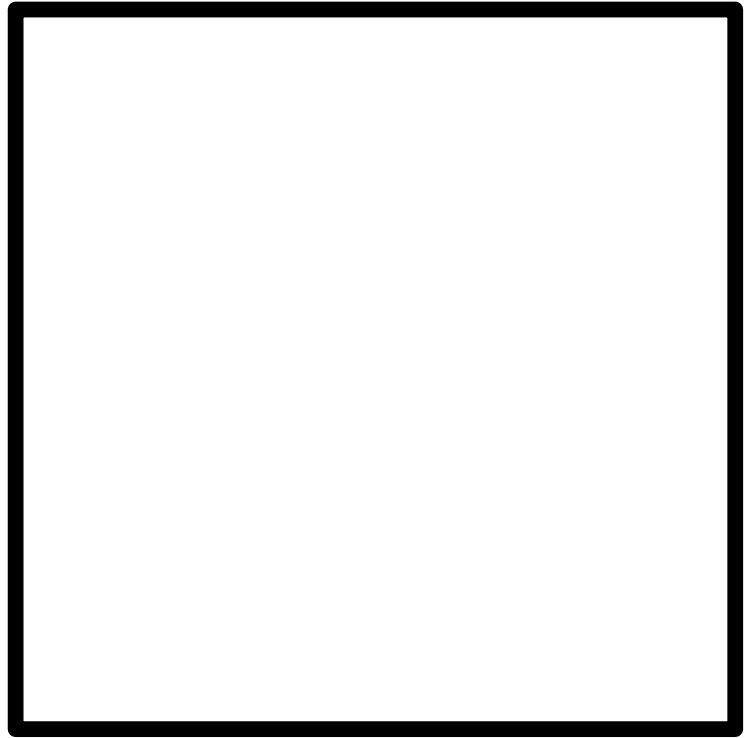
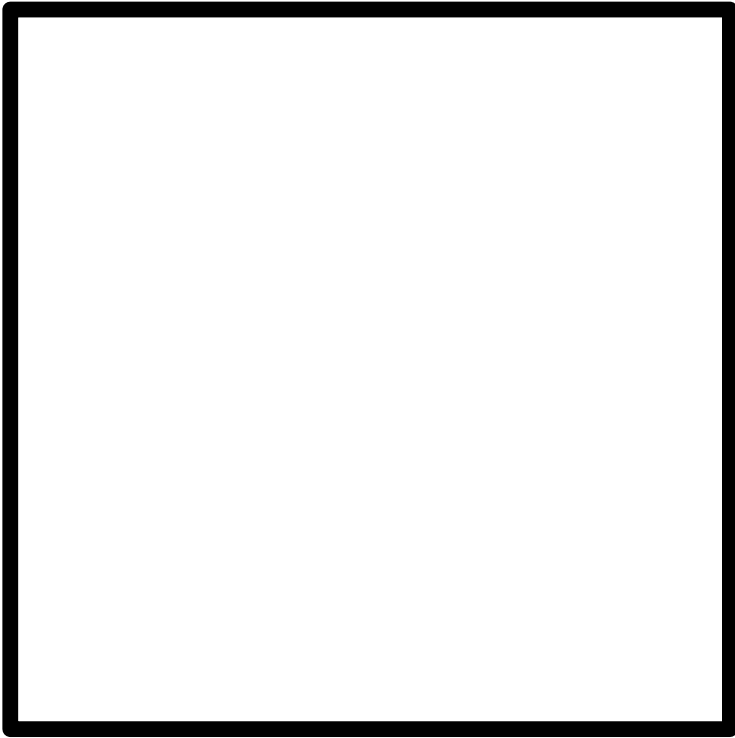
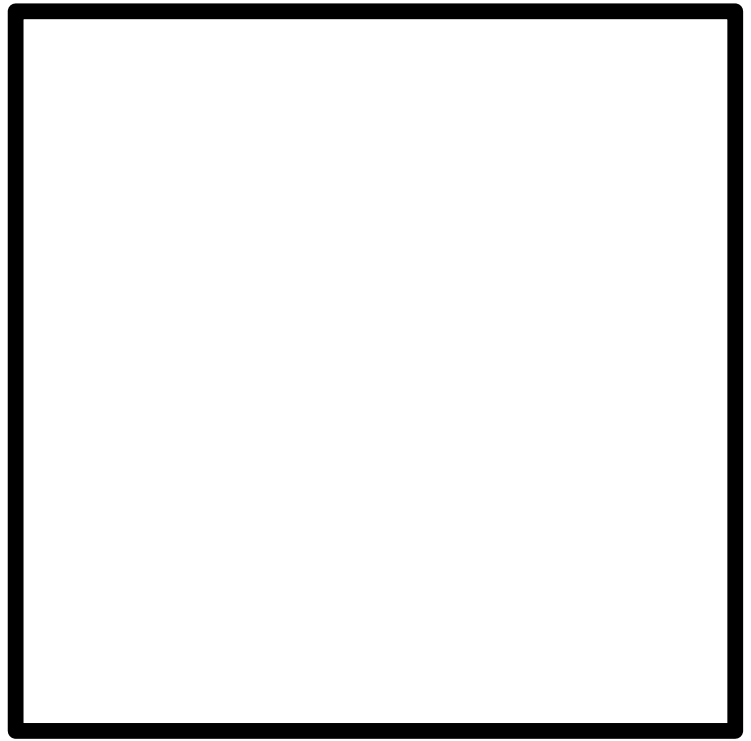
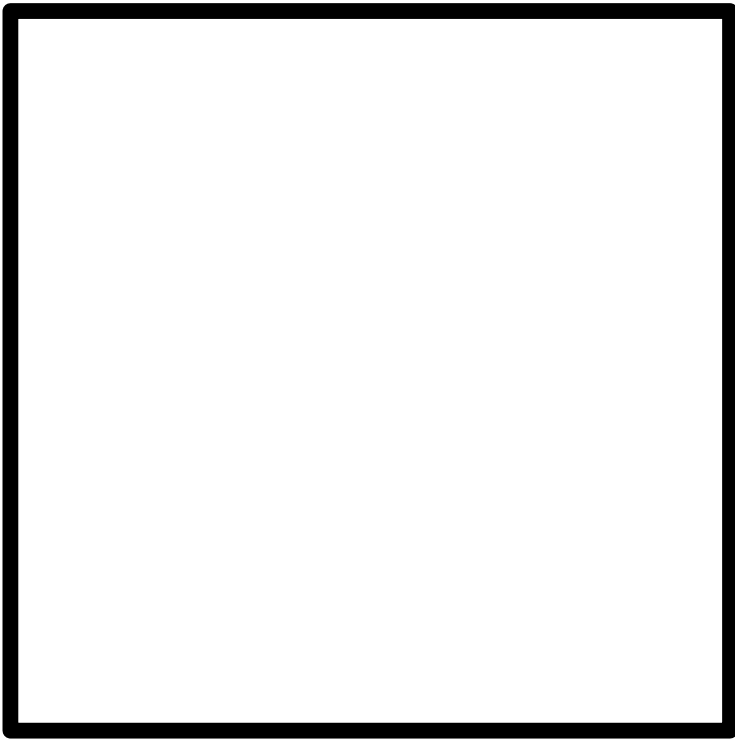
- If you'd like to cover the glue or tape at the center of your pinwheel, try stickers, glue or a small circle of decorative paper.
- You can just send in this top part of the pinwheel; you do not need to include a stick / handle. You are welcome to send fully functioning pinwheels attached to sticks for this Challenge if you have the resources and time; you can find such instructions [here](#).



Pinwheel Templates







Share Your Work!

We love seeing the pinwheels you make and hearing about your Challenge team! We also like to hear why you took the Healing Classrooms Challenge and how you feel about helping young Syrians. Before you mail in your pinwheels, take a moment to share your photos, videos, thoughts and reflections on our social media channels: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#), [Pinterest](#), [Tumblr](#) and [Google+](#). Use the hashtag #SRSyria. Want to be featured on [our blog](#)? Take a few moments to share at least two or more paragraphs about your experience [in an email](#) and attach photos!

Sending Pinwheels

Postal Mail

You can just send us the top part of the pinwheel—sending the handle is not necessary. Please *write the following information on the outside of the package*:

1. The name of your Healing Classrooms Challenge Team (the name you chose when you [registered](#))
2. The number of people on your team
3. The number of pinwheels inside the box

Make sure your pinwheels are completely dry / not sticky. We sometimes receive items which are stuck together and unfortunately can't use them! Package the pinwheels securely and mail the box to:

Students Rebuild
918 S. Horton St. #5047
Seattle, WA 98134

Email (non-U.S. only)

Do you live outside of the United States? If the cost of international shipping is too costly, please feel free to submit “digital” pinwheels! Follow these steps:

1. [Register](#) for the Students Rebuild Healing Classrooms Challenge so your pinwheels will count!

2. Make your pinwheels.
3. Take photos of your pinwheels.
4. Send an email to info@studentsrebuild.org that includes the name of your team, the number of people on your team and the number of the pinwheels your team made. Be sure to **attach one or more photos of your pinwheels!**
5. Share your pinwheels on our social media: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#), [Pinterest](#), [Tumblr](#) and [Google+](#) and use the hashtag #SRSyria. **Note: For international teams, your pinwheels won't count towards the Challenge if you only share them on social media—please follow steps 1-4, too. Thanks!**

We'll match your digital pinwheels with donations to the International Rescue Committee's *Healing Classrooms* program to help Syrian youth recover, grow and develop. Thanks for taking the Students Rebuild Healing Classrooms Challenge!

