



## Paper Helicopters

If you don't have any maple trees near your house that can supply you with seedling whirligigs, you can make your own helicopters out of paper to imitate nature.

Cut a strip of regular-weight paper 2 inches x 8½ inches. (Remember that cutting is a grownup activity.) Make the three cuts indicated by the solid bars in illustration (a). Make cut A to form the blades of the helicopter. Fold at the dotted line, one blade towards you and the other away from you. Make cuts B and C to allow you to fold the other end of the strip into thirds, lengthwise. Then fold up the bottom by ½" or so twice, and secure with a large paper clip for added weight. See illustration (b), and keep paper clips out of young children's hands.

Decorate the blades to make whirls of color, then drop the helicopter and watch it twirl!

### Required:

- Piece of paper
- Large paper clip
- Scissors (for adult use only)

