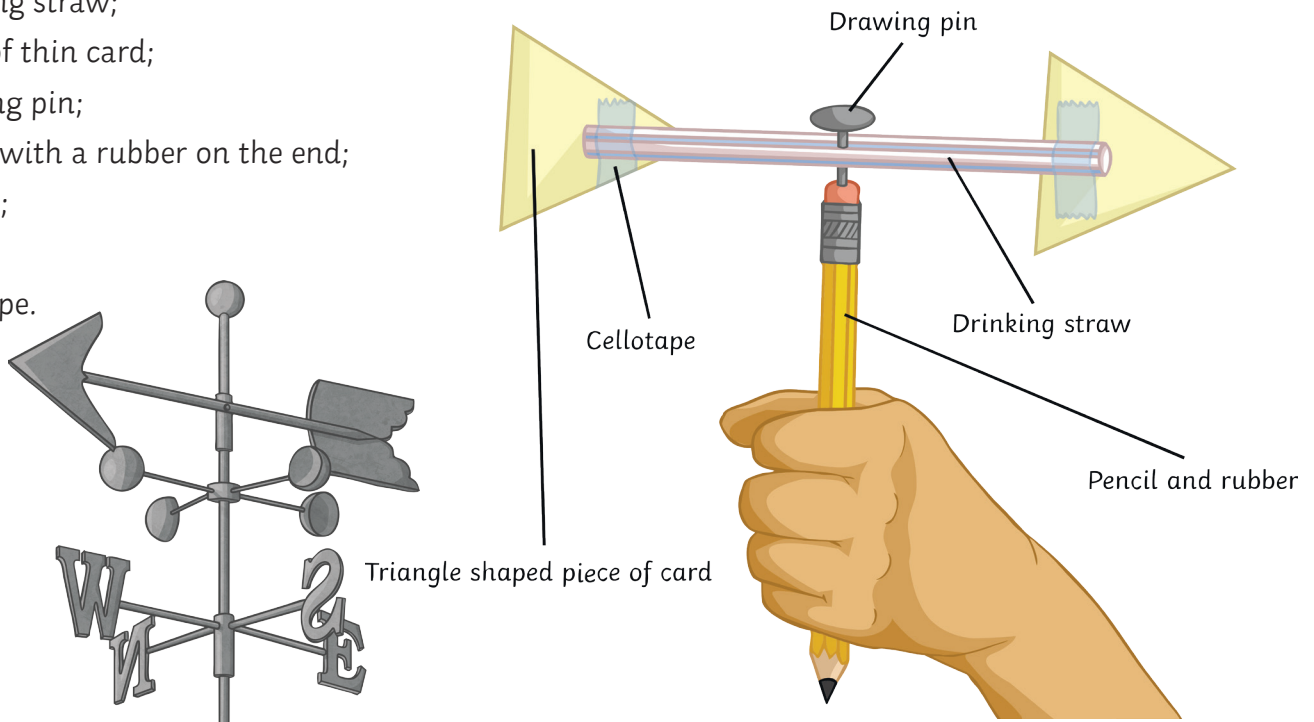


# Make Your Own Wind Vane

Wind direction is the direction the wind is coming **from**. Make your own simple wind vane using these instructions.

## To make your own wind vane, you will need:

- a drinking straw;
- a piece of thin card;
- a drawing pin;
- a pencil with a rubber on the end;
- compass;
- scissors;
- sticky tape.



## Instructions:

1. Cut out two triangles from a piece of card.
2. Use the sticky tape to stick the arrow point onto one end of the straw and the arrow tail onto the other.
3. Push the drawing pin through the middle of the straw.
4. Stick the drawing pin into the rubber on the pencil. Make sure that the arrow can spin around easily.
5. Check that your wind vane works by blowing on it or taking it outside.
6. When measuring the wind direction, you will need to know which direction is north, east, south and west. You could use a compass or look at a map.
7. Remember: the arrow will point in the direction that the wind is blowing from. So if the arrow points to the north, there is a northerly wind.

If you do not have these items, you could simply hold a piece of string outside and see which way it is blown. Remember to record the direction that the wind is coming **from** and not the direction that the string is blowing. You will need a compass to work out the wind direction.