

EXPERIENCED LEVEL

- 1 Wheel Spin.
Good well-exposed sharp image manipulated to meet the theme. SECOND
- 2 Jet Ski Freestyle Whirl.
Full of excitement. Photographer has coped well with high-key lighting conditions. FIRST
- 3 Whirly Bird.
Another well-exposed shot. Sharp focus on underside of helicopter against the blur of the rotors adds action to the image.
- 4 Around we go.
Feel of "fear" from the hanging on and tightly closed eyes of the riders. However little action or movement is shown.
- 5 Chocolate whirls.
Colourful pattern picture using wrapped chocolates manipulated on the computer.
- 6 Wirling Dodgems.
Photographer has done well picking out the two main cars spinning in the centre of the image. Static surroundings enhance the feeling of fast movement. THIRD
- 7 Girl in a whirl.
I like the colour co-ordination in this image. Although the young lady is obviously dancing perhaps you could have made a point of using a slower shutter speed and asked her to "give you a twirl".
- 8 Twirling sticks.
Beautifully lit "sculpture" of dogwoods make a pleasing image. However although they have been woven into curly shapes they do not really appear to be whirling.
- 9 Twirling Lights.
Lovely coloured lights shown here appear rather static and do not look particularly "twirling". The building in the background is distracting.
- 10 Tulip Staircase.
This is an extremely well produced photograph of this staircase. The main subject fits well into the frame and is well-exposed.
- 11 Twirls in the river in wake of a swan.
The patterns in the water caused by the swan's wake certainly whirl. The turquoise area at the top of the image is a little distracting.
- 12 Whirling rotors.
Another well-exposed shot. Sharp focus of helicopter against the blur of the rotors adds action to the image particularly as the door is open – carrying out a rescue?
- 13 Whirling Wheel in Paris.
Wheel stands out very well, bright and clear. The background buildings are acceptable but the three bright highlights cause distraction.
- 14 5th of November.
Exciting colours produced by fireworks make a strong, if untidy, image. Top left looks like a flower filling in the dark corner.
- 15 Fireworks.
More glorious firework colours but as with the previous image there seems to be little story being told.
- 16 Night Orb.
I wonder what people thought when they saw you and your friend in the dark waving coloured lights around. This certainly produced an effect of an orb. I am confused that there is a footpath sign in the light area to the middle left! The silhouette of an iron fence is unsettling.
- 17 Whirling in the castle.
Fascinating effect of a person standing in the castle tower ruins spinning some wire wool! The dark blue sky complements the orange colour. I think the image would have more impact if there was less background each side.
- 18 Drain away.
Is this water swirling, rather than whirling down the sink? The red colour of the liquid makes me think someone has cut themselves - a strong impression from the photographer.
- 19 Light whirl.
The strong dark image, bottom left, looks like a human silhouette. Should this have been called "Migraine"? because that's what the bright, wiggly lights make me think of.
- 20 Roses in a spin.
Colourful pattern picture using wrapped chocolates (Roses selection) manipulated on the computer.

21 Magic Roundabout.

Magic indeed – does the whole roundabout usually spin? Whether it does or not this image is definitely whirling around and the photographer has used exactly the right shutter speed to record the spinning of the roundabout whilst the fence around it is crisp and clear.

22 Wind spinners.

Lovely colours and shapes in this image. Whether anything is twirling I'm not sure as everything appears to be moving in a similar direction. "In camera movement" perhaps?

Hadleigh Camera Club January Digital Competition 2022 - Judge Sue Dobson

ENTRY LEVEL

1 Whirling acrobatic Cycles.

Grand colourful image. However the theme "whirling" has not been met as this is simply a colourful out of focus mass of people, some apparently on bikes. If one has been standing still and the rest moving past the feeling of whiling might have been better shown.

2 Whirling swing. Yes we know these people are whirling on this ride but the shutter speed has been such that they seem almost stationary. Well exposed image.

3 Tree of light.

I like the colours here and the lines around the subject (person?) appear to be spinning. Photographer has THIRD certainly given thought to producing an image whirling.

4 Coffee whirl.

Clever idea and design depicting the twirling coffee in more ways than one. Could have been even FIRST stronger if the coffee in the cup was spinning faster! Certainly meets the theme.

5 Spinning Ballerinas.

This is a good idea. Unfortunately the whole room appears to be spinning! Central ballerina almost in sharp focus gives the feel of others turning. Next time, if you can, ask others to take on a stationary pose whilst one twirls. Lovely colours in this one,.

6 Whirling Windfarm.

Good atmosphere of a bright clear day and each turbine standing out quite clearly. Unfortunately as they are at such a distance it is not possible to see wheter they are actually whirling.

7 Bad hair day.

A pretty young lady looking "fed up" with her flyaway bad hair. The sharp background fence is very distracting in this one.

8 Whirling round.

A colourful fairground image and use of a slow shutter speed gives the feeling of speed as the riders pass SECOND the viewer as the base of the ride is in sharp focus. Taking the picture at a slight angle also adds to the feel of a spin.

9 Weather Fox.

Good clear monochrome image of this weathervane. It is a bit "caught up" with the background telegraph post.