

**twirl**

1. [twɜːl] *n*
  1. вращение, кручение
  2. вихрь  
dust twirl - вихрь пыли
  3. вихор; локон
  4. росчерк, завитушка

2. [twɜːl] *v*
  - 1) вертеть; кружить; крутить  
to twirl one's moustache - теребить усы  
to twirl the wheel - вертеть колесо  
to twirl thread on a spindle - наматывать нить на веретено  
to twirl a mop - отжимать/выкручивать/ швабру
  - 2) вертеться, крутиться  
to twirl on one's heels - (круто) повернуться на пятках /на каблуках/  
the compass needle twirled swiftly round - стрелка компаса быстро вертелась
  - 3) извиваться (о змее)
  - 4) *сл.* посылать (мяч - в бейсболе)  
◇ to twirl one's thumbs - бездельничать; сидеть сложа руки

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**twirl** [twɪrl twɪrls twɪrld twɪrlɪŋ] *verb, noun* *BrE* [ˈtwɜːl] *AmE* [ˈtwɜːrəl]

- verb**
1. **intransitive, transitive ~ (sb) (around/round)** to move or dance round and round; to make sb do this
    - She twirled around in front of the mirror.
    - He held her hand and twirled her around.
  2. **transitive ~ sth (around/about)** to make sth turn quickly and lightly round and round

**Syn:** ↑spin  
 • He twirled his hat in his hand.  
 • She sat twirling the stem of the glass in her fingers.

3. **transitive ~ sth** to twist or curl sth with your fingers  
 • He kept twirling his moustache.

**Verb forms:**

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	twirl
	<i>BrE</i> /ˈtwɜːl/
	<i>NAme</i> /ˈtwɜːrɪl/
he / she / it	twirls
	<i>BrE</i> /ˈtwɜːlz/
	<i>NAme</i> /ˈtwɜːrɪz/
past simple, past participle	
	twirled
	<i>BrE</i> /ˈtwɜːld/
	<i>NAme</i> /ˈtwɜːrɪd/
-ing form	
	twirling
	<i>BrE</i> /ˈtwɜːlɪŋ/
	<i>NAme</i> /ˈtwɜːrɪŋ/

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- noun**
- the action of a person spinning around once  
 • Kate **did a twirl** in her new dress.

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[Date: 1500-1600; Origin: Perhaps from a Scandinavian language]

to turn around and around or make something do this

**twirl around/round**  
 \* Couples were twirling around the dance floor.

**twirl something around/round**  
 \* She twirled the liquid around in her glass.

—**twirl** *noun* [countable]  
 —**twirly** *adjective*

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