

"It's Raining" Rainbow Art

Supplies

- * Thick Cotton Balls
- * Tempera Sticks (or Oil Pastels or Crayons)
- * Blue Liquid Watercolors
- * Glue
- * Mini Easel
- * Eye Dropper
- * Paint Cup



Directions

1. Begin by drawing a nice, large rainbow on your paper in correct rainbow order (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple).
2. Glue cotton balls at the top of your paper to resemble clouds. Don't worry if the cotton balls cover part of the rainbow as that happens in real life! Let them dry for a couple of minutes.
3. Set your paper up on a mini easel. *(No easel? Lean your paper against something sturdy.)*
4. Fill one cup with blue liquid watercolors and drip the liquid watercolors on the clouds to resemble rain. If your cotton balls are too absorbent and the paint isn't dripping down then squirt the liquid watercolors directly underneath the cotton balls. Watch it rain!

Skills

- * Math: Identifying and creating arch shapes
- * Cognitive: Sequencing the colors of the rainbow
- * Science: Simulating real weather phenomena and events
- * Creative: Choosing the size of rainbow + amount of clouds + rain
- * Fine Motor: Drawing, squeezing, and pinching

Vocabulary

- * Color
- * Absorb
- * Gravity
- * Motion
- * Resist
- * Rainbow
- * Mixed-Media

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Dear Family,

Today we created mixed-media rainbows. "Mixed-media" means using a variety of art materials for one project, which creates a plethora of learning and exploration opportunities. Rainbows are an amazing phenomena on Earth and it was exciting getting to create a piece of art inspired by something that we see in the sky!



Extension Opportunities

- * Of course the coolest extension would be to go outside and see a rainbow! Not "rainbow weather?" Make a note to remind yourself and the next time it rains see if you can catch a rainbow in the sky.
- * Go on a "rainbow hunt" around your home! See if you can find one item for each of the following colors: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple.
- * Explore mixing rainbow colors! Fill several shallow bowls with water, add drops of liquid watercolor or food dye, and mix the water bowls together. (Worried about mess? Try this outside or in the tub!)

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