

KID'S CRAFTS

HOW TO MAKE YOUR OWN RAIN STICKS



Who doesn't love to pick up those cool rain sticks in the store every time you see one?!

Today me and the kiddos made our own- here is how!

GATHER THESE MATERIALS:

- Gift wrap tubes
- Cereal boxes
- Packing tape
- Pinto beans, rice, split peas etc.
- Embellishments
- Scissors

DIRECTIONS:



1. Using your packing tape, tape one end of your tube. I just laid the tape in several different directions over the opening and then wrapped the base of the tube a few times around to secure the ends of each strip of tape.
2. Cut your cereal boxes into strips. Make sure they are thinner than your tube (about 1 inch wide should work). Then, fold the strips back and forth like a fan or accordion.
3. Add your accordion-like cardboard to the tube. I didn't count how many strips we put in each tube, but you want the tube to be full of cardboard, but not stuffed or packed tightly.
4. Add your beans to the tube. I used pinto beans and split peas for these, but I have also used rice for this project and that works well too.

When your tube has been filled, tape the open end closed.