

How to make a rainstick with a cardboard roll and some basic materials.

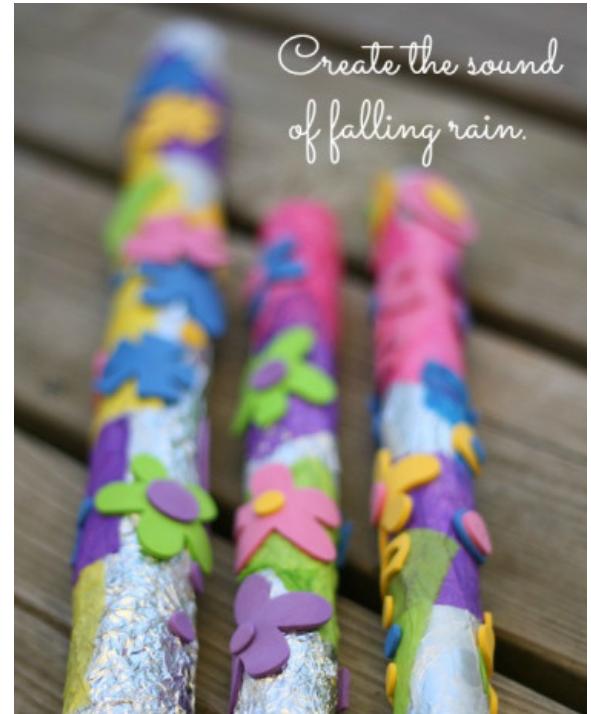
Pretty, easy and inexpensive! Ideal for toddlers and preschoolers.

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Supplies:

- cardboard tube (long, sturdy ones work best) *
- Aluminum Foil
- watered down Glue or Mod Podge
- coloured tissue paper
- nails or tacks
- filler: rice, corn kernels, small buttons, pony beads etc/



HOW TO MAKE A RAINSTICK:

Push, hammer or tap tacks and nails into the tube. (Use an exact-o knife to make cuts to insert the brass-tacks into).



Once all of the nails;brads/tacks are pushed in, (remember: more is better than less), roll the tube up in aluminum foil.

Give a good squeeze all the way around so the foil is tight to the tube, and stuff the excess at ONE of the ends into the the tube, plugging that end good and tight with foil.

Pour the filler items (beads/rice/small corn kernels etc.) into the open end of the tube.

Keep items small (rice is ideal) so they don't get jammed between the nails and tacks.

Now seal up the open end in the same manner as the bottom.

To decorate the rain sticks, brush them with some watered down white glue, or Modge Podge then cover them with squares of colored tissue paper, giving the tissue a light coating of the watered down Modge Podge. Allow to dry.



Decorate with craft stickers, jewels, etc.

Affix verse sticker to rainstick.

Put child's name on stick.

When finished decorating the rain stick, tip it end to end, and hear how the rice, cascading through the tube, sounds like rain.

