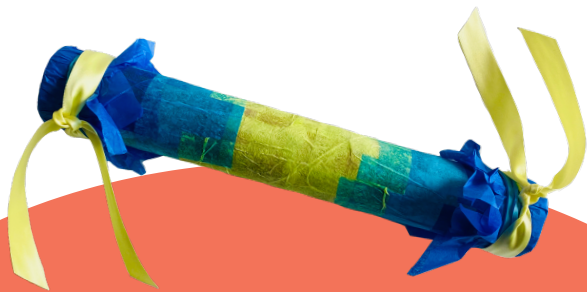




RAINSTICK ACTIVITY



Recommended for families
with young children



Did you know...



Many indigenous cultures have created instruments similar to rainsticks.

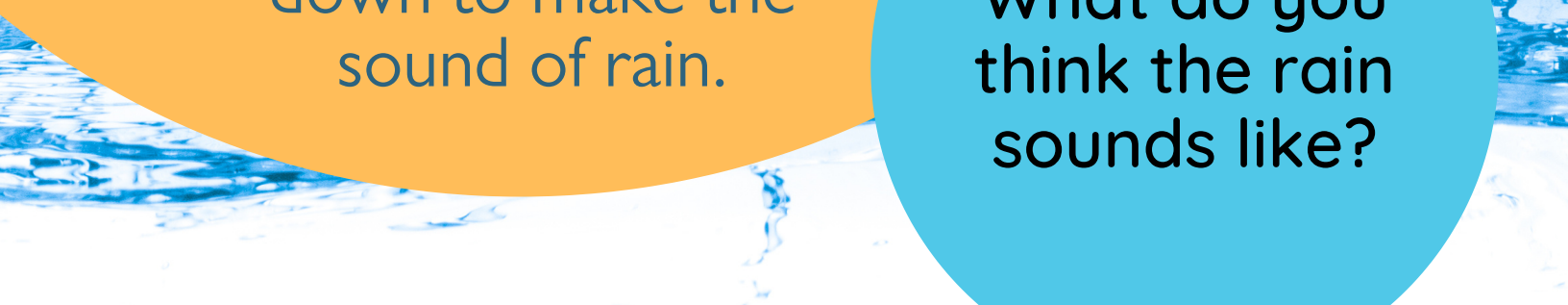
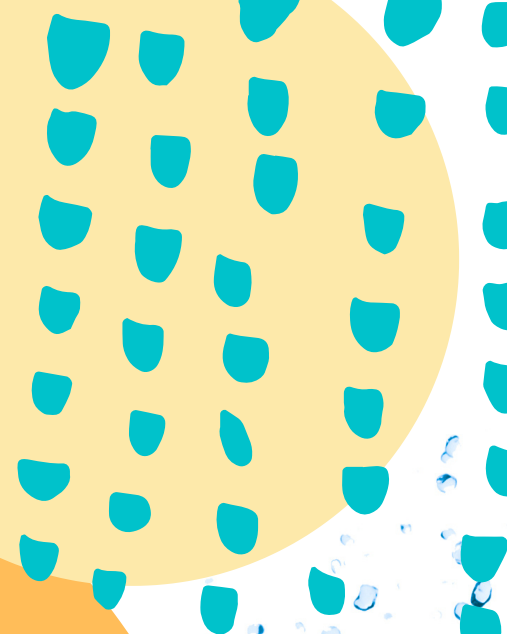


In West Africa and Australia they use bamboo or hollow wood and nails, while in South America dried cactus and thorns are the materials available.












In both cultures small stones or seeds are placed inside and turned slowly upside down to make the sound of rain.

What do you think the rain sounds like?



NICE

Materials:

-  Cardboard tube
-  Tissue paper squares
-  White glue (watered down)
-  Colored markers (alternative to tissue paper and glue)
-  LOTS of small objects like dried beans, rice or rocks
-  Paper or fabric squares
-  Aluminum foil
-  Tape
-  Paint brush



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Decorate the outside of the cardboard tube by applying white glue and covering it with tissue paper. Use colored markers as an alternative.

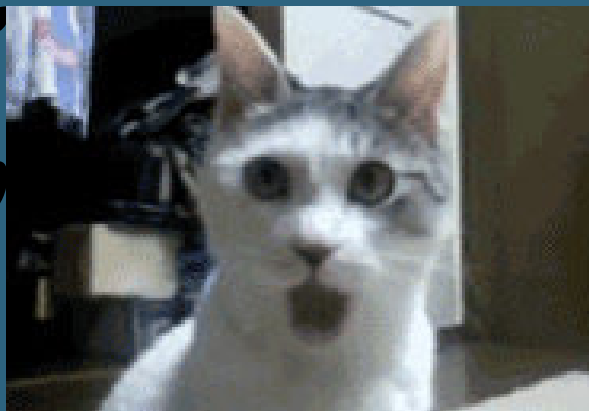
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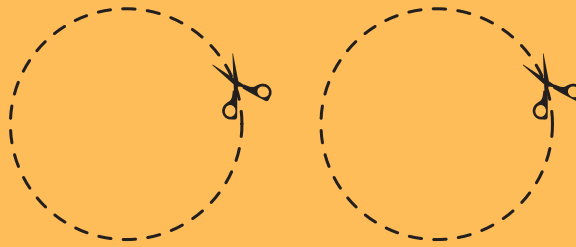
Place aluminum foil inside the dried tube.



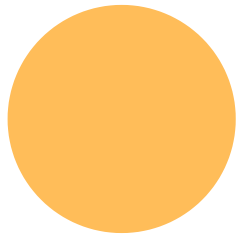
Ta-da!



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Cut two circles between 3 to 5 inches wide.



Tape the paper to one end of the decorated and dried cardboard tube.

Place beans, seeds or small rocks inside of the tube and cover the other side with the second paper square or circle.





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Now turn your
rainstick over to
listen to the sound.
Try turning slowly
or quickly to make
different sounds.

Record your rainstick sounds! #MMAEDU #MMAEDUATHOME
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