

Rainbows and Bubbles

Rainbow Mobiles

These mobiles are very colorful and are very easy to make. They look so inviting you may end up making more than just one!

Age

6 and up

These projects are rated EASY to do.

What You Need

1 paper plate
Paper streamers or wide ribbon in rainbow colors (red, orange, yellow, green, blue and purple)
OR
Craft paint in rainbow colors (red, orange, yellow, green, blue and purple)
Scissors
White craft glue
Piece of ribbon for hanging
Shamrock garland OR cut your own shamrocks from green construction paper

What You Do

Rainbow Mobile

1. Cut the paper plate in half.
 2. Cut a 40-inch length of streamer in each color.
 3. Cut each length up the middle to create two long strips of each color.
 4. Reserve one set of rainbow color strips for another project or for a second Rainbow Mobile.
 5. Use one strip of each color. Glue the red streamer strip around the top curve of the paper plate. Make sure to center the streamer so you have equal lengths hanging off each side.
 6. Repeat with each color, moving your way down from red to orange, then yellow, green, blue and lastly purple.
 7. Add one more thin purple strip to the back of the plate to fill the gap in the center.
 8. Tie a piece of ribbon into a knot, then glue to the back of the plate to use as a hanger
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Craft: Rainbows



Brightly colored rainbows...where's the pot of gold?

Craft Project Directions:

Cut out or draw a rainbow shape (using the pattern provided) from white paper and place it on a background piece of paper. Next take pieces of colored tissue paper and glue them in arcs to create all the colors of the rainbow. Add a pot of gold at the rainbow's end if you have the time

Rainbow Suncatcher

Materials Needed:

- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 cup corn starch
- 4 cups water
- Food Coloring



Instructions:

Kids, get an adult's help with this recipe!

Mix together all ingredients in a sauce pan. Stir constantly and heat until the mixture begins to thicken. Remove from heat and let cool.

Divide the mixture into three bowls. Add a different color of food coloring to each bowl (1-red, 1-blue, and 1-yellow). Put approximately three tablespoon of each color into a ziplock bag. Seal the bag and tape the top closed. Knead the baggie to mix colors just enough to look like a rainbow. Lay bag down on a hard surface and gently press to flatten it. You can hang it in your window when finished.

Family Rainbow

This inspirational craft was shared by Mandy and the whole Welsh family.

Materials Needed:

- Large Piece of Paper
- Paint
- Glitter Markers (optional)



Instructions:

We all put our hands in paint (mommy, daddy, and 3 kids) and did a rainbow effect with our prints. We let it dry between each set - if the paint is too thick it will take too long to dry. We also decorated it with glitter pens.

The moral of the project is that we are each a very important part of our family, each very special because together we make one big beautiful family just like a rainbow just has colors, but all together makes a big beautiful rainbow! The kids loved it and felt very special!!

HOME-MADE BUBBLES

Materials Needed:

- 1/2 cup dish soap
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 2 teaspoons sugar

Instructions:

Mix all 3 ingredients together. Don't stir or shake too much! :-) Store in a sealed container. Experiment with blowing bubbles using different items.

Alternate recipe: 1 cup warm water, 1/4 cup blue dishwashing liquid, and 1tsp. salt (If you have some glycerin at home add a teaspoon of it to make even better bubbles). Combine well, but do this gently. Use as you would any other bubbles.

BUBBLE PICTURE

Materials Needed:

- Tempera Paint
- Liquid Dish Soap
- Paper
- Drinking Straws

Instructions:

Stir together 1/2 cup water, 1-2 tablespoons paint, and 1/2-1 tablespoon dish soap; pour it into a shallow dish, such as a pie pan. Place one end of a straw in the paint/soap mixture and gently blow to make bubbles. Blow until the bubbles are almost over the edge of the pan. Place a piece of paper on top of the bubbles and hold it in place until several bubbles have popped and transferred their shape onto the paper - this makes a fun bubble print! Continue the process with different colors if you want. Blow more bubbles as needed. Set aside to dry. When dry, you can add drawings to your bubble pictures if you want.

Fun & Fantastic Finger plays

April Clouds

Two little clouds one April Day (make two fists)
went sailing across the sky (move fists side to side)
They went so fast, they bumped their heads (bump fists together)
And both began to cry. (rub eyes with hands)

Out came the big round sun who said (make huge circle over head with arms)
Never mind my little dears,
I'll send sunbeams down (wiggle fingers on both hands downward)
to dry your fallen tears.

A Little Ball, A Bigger Ball

A little ball (clasp hands)
A bigger ball (hands apart)
A great big ball I see (big arc)
Now let's count the balls
ONE (big arc)
TWO (hands apart)
THREE (clasp hands)

Big Round Sun

The big round sun in the springtime sky (form large circle with arms)
Winked at a cloud that was passing by. (wink eye)
The little cloud laughed as it scattered rain, (flutter fingers downward)
Then out came the big round sun again. (form large circle with arms)

Love to Blow Bubbles!

I love to blow bubbles, (place hands over heart)
I just can't stop.(shake head)
I blow them and blow them (blow bubbles)
And watch them go POP!(clap hands together)

Pop Go the Bubbles!

All around the story room (roll one hand/arm)
The children chased the bubbles. (roll both hands/arms)
The children laughed and had such fun.
Pop! go the bubbles (clap on Pop!)