

Make Your Own Rain Stick

(Adapted from kixcereal.com)

Supplies:

- Paper towel roll
- A sheet of paper (construction paper is fine)
- A piece of aluminum foil
- A piece of plastic wrap
- Rice, popcorn kernels, or dry beans
- Clear tape
- Markers and/or stickers

Steps:

1. Draw pictures on one side of a colored piece of paper (Note, only about 1/3 of the end of the page will show once wrapped around the paper towel tube.)
2. Crumple up a long, thin piece of aluminum foil and insert it into the paper towel tube. The aluminum foil will act as the barrier to keep the beans or popcorn kernels moving through the tube at a slow rate, making the rainfall sound.
3. Put a doubled-up piece of plastic wrap over one end of the paper towel tube, and tape in place.
4. Pour a tablespoon of dry beans or popcorn kernels into the open end of the tube, then seal the end with a doubled-up piece of plastic wrap. Tape plastic wrap in place.
5. Tape decorated paper to the paper towel tube, then wrap around the tube, securing the end with tape.
6. Decorate tube as desired with tape or stickers.
7. Tip back and forth to hear the sweet sound of rainfall!

