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# Rainbow Rain Art



## What You Need:

- Washable Markers (all the colours of the rainbow, or at least how many you have)
- Paper (preferably watercolour paper or cardstock)
- A Rainy Day

## Directions:

1. On a piece of paper, have your little colour the whole page with lots of different colours of markers. If your child is a little older you can ask them to make a large rainbow on the page.
2. Place the paper outside on a rainy day and have your little one watch as their artwork is transformed by the rain.
3. Bring the paper inside to dry.



## Talking Points:

This is a great activity to get your little one outside even on a rainy day so they can watch their artwork transform. Talk to your little one about all the colours they are using to make their artwork.

If they are older, ask them what they think will happen to their artwork when it is outside in the rain.

## Books:

- 📖 [The Hidden Rainbow](#) by Christie Matheson from [Vaughan Public Libraries](#)
- 📖 [Raindrops to Rainbows](#) by John Micklos from [Vaughan Public Libraries](#)
- 📖 [I Love You As Big As A Rainbow](#) by Joan Summers from [Vaughan Public Libraries](#)
- 📖 [Watersong](#) by Tim McCanna from [Vaughan Public Libraries](#)

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# Rainbow Collage



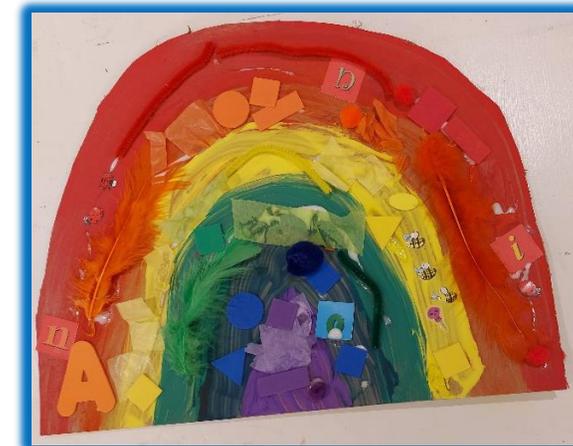
## What You Need:

- Cardboard (the bigger the better)
- Scissors
- Paint (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple)
- Different coloured items (to match paint colours). For example, feathers, scraps of construction paper, stickers, pom poms, tissue paper, pipe cleaners, etc.
- Paint Brush
- Glue

\* If you don't have all the paint colours that's okay, use the three primary paint colours to make the additional colours (red + yellow = orange; blue + yellow = green; blue + red = purple)

## Directions:

1. Paint a large rainbow onto a piece of cardboard. Once dry, cut it out.
2. Gather different coloured items in the house that your child could use to glue to the rainbow. Make sure that the items you find match the colours of the rainbow.
3. Have your little one glue the items onto the rainbow. Encourage your little one to put the different coloured items onto the part of the rainbow that is the corresponding colour. For example, the red pom pom would go on the red part of the rainbow.



## Talking Points:

Your little one will be able to understand colour long before they are able to name the individual colours. In this activity, make sure to name the colour of each object that your little one picks up to put on the rainbow or if they are older ask them what colour it is. Also, ask them what other items are the same colour and what their favourite colour is.

## Books:

- 📖 [A Rainbow of My Own](#) by Don Freeman from [Vaughan Public Libraries](#).
- 📖 [Rain Before Rainbows](#) by Smriti Prasad-Halls from [Vaughan Public Libraries](#).

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# Walking Rainbow Water



## What You Need:

- Small plastic cups or glasses (6)
- Paper towels (3 sheets)
- Food Colouring (red, blue, yellow)
- Water

## Directions:

1. Place 6 cups in a small circle so all the sides are touching.
2. Fill every other cup (cups 1, 3, 5) halfway with water.
3. Have your little one add a few drops of red food colouring to the first cup, then a few drops of food colouring to the third cup and a few drops of food colouring to the fifth cup. Add enough drops so the water is a dark red, yellow and blue)
4. Cut the paper towels in half, lengthwise. This will give you 6 sheets of paper towel.
5. Have your little one fold the 6 pieces of paper towel in half (lengthwise).
6. Have your little one place half of one piece of paper towel in cup 1 (red water) and then the other half in cup 2 (empty cup).
7. In cup 2 add another half of a piece of paper towel in it, and then put the other half in cup 3 (blue water).
8. In cup 3 add another half of a piece of paper towel in it, and then put the other half in cup 4 (empty).
9. In cup 4 add another half of a piece of paper towel in it, and then put the other half in cup 5 (yellow water).
10. In cup 5 add another half of a piece of paper towel in it, and then put the other half in cup 6 (empty).
11. Now add the last piece of paper towel to the empty cup and the other half in cup 1 (red water)
12. Wait. Your little one will see the water travel up the paper towel and go into the empty cups. Soon all the cups will be filled with new coloured water (orange, green and purple)



## Talking Points:

This is a great activity to talk about colour mixing with your little one. Ask them to make a prediction on what they think will happen in the empty cups. Once the activity is done you can show them how red and yellow make orange, red and blue make purple, and how blue and yellow make green.

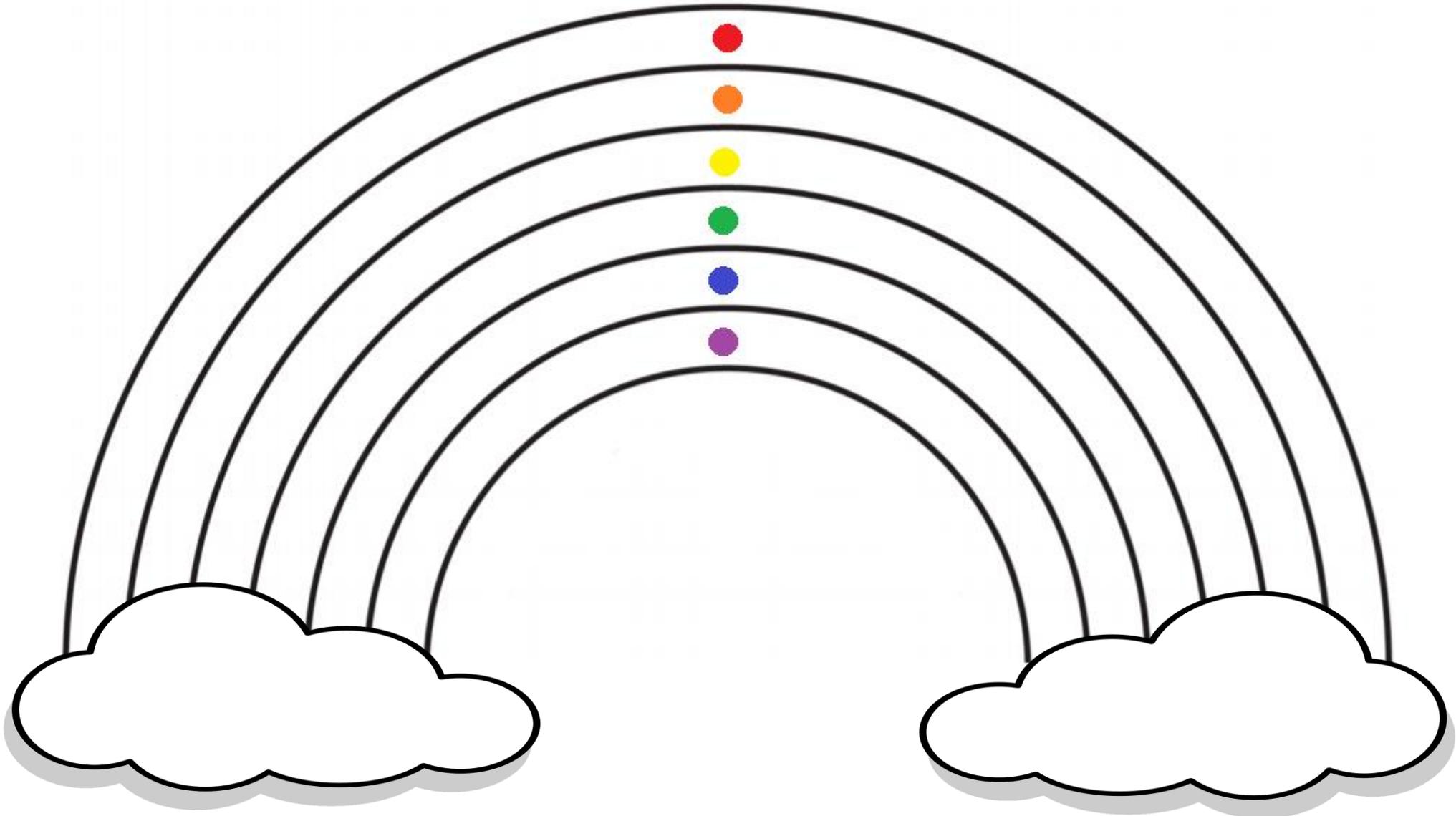
## Books:

- 📖 [The Hidden Rainbow](#) by Christie Matheson from [Vaughan Public Libraries](#)
- 📖 [Mix It Up](#) by Herve Tullet from [Vaughan Public Libraries](#)

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# Rainbow Colouring

Print this page out and colour the rainbow.



# Songs



## Rainbow Stew

Take a red strawberry, put it in the pot  
Stir it and stir it and stir it a lot.  
Shall we take it out now? What will it be?  
The prettiest red you ever did see...

*Repeat: yellow banana, green pear, orange  
orange, blueberry, purple grapes*

## Rain Is Falling Down

*Tune: Farmer in the Dell*

The rain is falling down, (flutter fingers down)  
SPLASH (clap once loudly)

The rain is falling down, (flutter fingers down)  
SPLASH (clap once loudly)

Pitter patter pitter patter (tap legs softly)  
The rain is falling down, (flutter fingers down)  
SPLASH (clap once loudly)

## Rainbow Song

*Tune: Hush, Little Baby*

Rainbow purple, rainbow blue  
Rainbow green and yellow too  
Rainbow orange and rainbow red  
Rainbow shining over my head.

Come and count the colors with me  
How many colors can you see?  
1, 2, 3, on down to green  
4, 5, 6 colours can be seen

Rainbow purple, rainbow blue  
Rainbow green and yellow too  
Rainbow orange and rainbow red  
Rainbow shining over my head.

