

RAINSTICK



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A note from Page

Try to think of a beat that would be good for summoning rain!

In many cultures, summoning rain often included the use of musical instruments like the rainstick. They are traditionally made from dead cactus tubes. The origin of the rainstick is not fully known, but it's believed to have come from the indigenous people from the deserts of northern Chile.

Materials:

- Paper Towel Tube (or Aluminum Foil Tube)
- Paint
- Paint Brush
- Paper Bag (small or large)
- 2 Rubber Bands
- 3-4 Pipe Cleaners
- ¼ cup of rice, beans, or beads
- Scissors

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Decorations!

It's time to decorate! What kind of stuff will you use?

Here are some ideas:

- Twine or Yarn
- Beads
- Washi Tape
- Stickers
- Markers
- Crayons
- Pipe Cleaners

Directions:

1. Decorate your tube. You can paint it, use markers, crayons, stickers, and/or washi tape.
2. Cut two circles from the paper bag (approximately 2 inches in diameter).
3. Crumple the circles to create a fabric-like texture.
4. Optional: Create a fringe on the circle.
5. Place one circle over one end of the tube and secure with a rubber band.
6. Wrap a pipe cleaner around your finger to create a spring like shape. Place the pipe cleaner spring into the tube. Repeat with 2-3 more pipe cleaners.

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