



Let's Make It!

Rain Sticks

Materials Needed:

- Long tubes from gift wrap or paper towel
- Strips of cardboard
- Construction Paper
- Tape
- Seeds or rice

Cut out two 4 inch circles out of the construction paper (trace a cereal bowl for the shape). Put one over the end of the tube, and fold the sides down, and tape around the tube. Make sure it is well taped on and use sturdy paper so that your Rain Stick won't leak! Cut cardboard strips that are narrower than the tube (about 1 inch wide should work). Fold them back and forth like a fan. Put the strips into the tube. The first one should fall to the bottom of the tube. Keep adding strips until they reach the top of the tube. Pour in 1/4 cup of rice and 2 tablespoons of seeds (dried peas, popcorn, or lentils) into the tube. Tape the other circle over the open end of the tube and tape in place. Decorate the tube with markers, paints or by gluing on paper or ribbon. Decorating the sticks can be the most fun. You can decorate the sticks before or after they have filled them. Just remember that paper circles will be taped part way down the sides if you do the decorating first.

Keepsake Handprint & Photo

This is a simple keepsake craft made from your photo, your handprint, and construction paper.

Supplies needed:

- A piece of light-colored construction paper (white, pale blue, pale yellow, etc.) for the background
- One piece of brightly-colored construction paper - for the flower petals
- Your favorite photo
- Scissors
- Glue
- Green tempera paint
- A brush (or just use your finger)
- Pen or pencil

Directions:

Cut a circle around the head of your favorite photo (this will be the center of the flower). Cut a flower shape out of colorful construction paper. Make sure that the flower is a bit bigger than the round picture, but small enough so that it will fit on the paper. Glue the paper flower towards the top of a piece of paper. Using green tempera paint, draw a stem for your flower. Also using the tempera paint, make two green handprints near the base of the stem - these will be the flower's leaves. Glue your picture to the center of the flower. Write your name (and the date, if you wish) on the paper. You now have an adorable keepsake.

