



Exploring Under Water

Try This!

Create a rippling rainbow!

What you will need:
paper plate
crepe paper
glue
scissors

1. Cut out the shape of your fish from the paper plate.
2. rip strips of different colored crepe paper
3. start at the tail and glue strips along one edge and place on the plate.
4. layer them in different colors and move towards the head.
5. after the glue dries, trim the edges to the shape of your fish.

Rippling Rainbows

Rainbowfish are a group of super colorful fish from Australia and islands near it. They are freshwater fish that live in rivers, lakes and swamps.

Rainbowfish are omnivorous (they eat plants and animals like us), and eat shrimp, crayfish, insects and algae. They like to live in school and explore their home together.



Rainbowfish get their name from the amazing range of colors that all the different types can be. But their scientific name actually comes from the fact that many of them have black bands along their sides. There are 71 species of rainbowfish that have been found in the wild. But, there are probably many that have never even been seen in the wild! Some of the fish are named after their markings like spotted and barred, while some are named for their home, like Lake Wanam and the Tami River.



They lay eggs in big mats that stick to seaweed. The eggs hatch just a couple weeks later and the babies swim off in the deeper rainy season rivers.

Rainbow fish aren't just cool colors... they change color too! Depending on their mood, they may be darker or almost even white! Now that is a cool rainbow.

A Rainbow for a Rainy Day

Rainbowfish make great pets! They are cool school fish that add color to any freshwater fish tank.

They like it best to be in groups of 3 - 6 and will patrol your tank with their flashes of color.

There are many types of rainbows, so be sure to pick your favorite. As they get bigger, they will become more beautiful.