



Rainbow Swirl Stick

Puppet Party

Make a Rainbow Swirl that can move through the air in dynamic shapes and twirls. Adults and children can work together to create this stunning, simple prop. Invite children to play with colour and explore new movement skills. Check out the Make a Rainbow Swirl tutorial and the Cloud Child Performance video on ARTS:LIVE for more inspiration.

 20 mins

 Under 5 years

 Craft activity for adults and children

What You Need

Lots of different coloured ribbons

A long cardboard tube

String

Coloured electrical or duct tape

Scissors.



Things to Think About

How many different colours are there?

What is your favourite colour and why?

What shapes can you make with your ribbon?

Can you make your Rainbow Swirl dance?

Ideas for Extension

Children can use coloured tape, crayons or markers to decorate their Rainbow Swirl.

Take children outside to see how their Rainbow Swirls move in the wind.

Explore the different kinds of shadows children can make as they play.

EYLF Alignment

4.1 Children develop dispositions for learning such as curiosity, cooperation, confidence, creativity, commitment, enthusiasm, persistence, imagination and reflexivity.



1 Rainbow Ribbons
Cut and lay out half metre lengths of different coloured ribbons, so that children can choose about seven ribbons each.



2 Get Knotting
Cut a 30cm piece of string and then tie the first ribbon to the string with a double knot.



3 Add Colours
Knot all the other colours onto the piece of string.



4 Make Holes
Use scissors to make a hole on each side of the tube, approximately 5cm from the top of the tube.



5 Thread and Knot
Thread the string ends through each side of the tube and tie them together inside the tube.



6 Make it Stronger
Use tape to decorate and strengthen the tube.



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