

# Rain Dance Maker Craft Activity

## Did you know?



The Indigenous peoples of Australia, often referred to as Aboriginal Australians, have a deep connection to their land, environment, and the natural elements. Rain dance sticks, or rainmaking rituals, were used by Aboriginal Australians as a means to invoke rain during times of drought or to ensure a successful harvest season!

## Materials Needed:



- Paper cardboard roll (long or short)
- Dried Rice, Beans, or Lentils: These will act as the “rain” inside the roll. Choose whichever you prefer or a combination for different sounds.
- Decorative Materials: Colourful tape, paint, stickers, or any other decorative items you’d like to use to decorate the outside of the paper roll.
- Scissors



## Instructions:

**Prepare the roll:** Get the paper roll and cover one end of the paper roll (this is to stop the filling from falling out) ready to have fun decorating!

**Fill the paper roll:** Using a funnel, pour dried rice, beans, or lentils into the paper roll. Fill it about one-third to halfway full. Once you have finished, make sure to cover the other end of the paper roll, so none of the filling falls out!

**Decorate the paper roll:** This is where creativity comes in! Use colourful tape, paint, stickers, or any other decorative materials to decorate the outside of the paper roll. You can create patterns, paint designs, or add stickers to make it unique.

**Test the Sound:** Once the paper roll is decorated and assembled, give it a shake to test the sound.

**Dance with the Rain Noise Maker:** Encourage students to hold their rain noise makers and move them rhythmically to create the sound of falling rain. They can sway, shake, or tap the paper roll gently to mimic the sound of a rain dance



Wow, enjoy having fun with your rain dance maker!

