

# Raindrop Sun Catchers



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Toddler  
1.5 - 2.5 years

On a rainy day, this activity will make the blues go away as your child creates their own raindrops out of crayon shavings while using their fine motor skills and predicting what will happen when you add heat! Once finished, their creations will make fun decorations around your home or childcare center.

## Learning Outcomes

### Domain:

Physical

### Indicator:

Adapting holding from palmar or pincer grasp

### Skills:

Fine motor



## Materials

- Different shades of blue crayons
- Crayon sharpener
- Wax paper
- Scissors
- Iron (for adults only!)
- Hole punch
- String
- Tape

## Instructions

**Step 1:** Have your child pick the shades of blue they want to use.

**Step 2:** Cut a large piece of wax paper and lay it down on a table.

**Step 3:** Peel the wrappers off of the crayons.

**Step 4:** Sharpen a crayon over the wax paper. Repeat this step with several different colors.

**Step 5:** Group the shavings into large clumps and then place another piece of wax paper over the shavings, leaving plenty of space between the wax and the edges of the wax paper.

**Step 6:** Lightly run an iron over the wax paper and set aside to cool down.

**Step 7:** Cut out teardrop shapes from the hardened crayon wax, punch with the hole punch and hang up in a window using string and tape.



## Age Adjustments

**For older preschoolers:** Have the children cut their own shapes out of the paper, with supervision of course. They also can experiment with different colors or shapes.

**For younger toddlers:** Your child will probably need lots of help with the sharpener, or you may want to this step for them.

**Stay Safe:** An adult should be the only one using the iron!



## Playful Questions

- Do you know what shades are?
- How many crayons should we use?
- What do you think will happen if we use the iron?
- What other shapes can we make?
- What do these colors remind you of?