

Cloud and Raindrop Windsock



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Toddler
1.5 - 2.5 years

This art activity is a great addition to any classroom or for hanging inside a home. Children will get to practice their fine motor skills and the finished product looks great swaying in a gentle breeze! Add some flair to the raindrops with different shades of blue or adding fun poems to the back of each one!

Learning Outcomes

Domain:

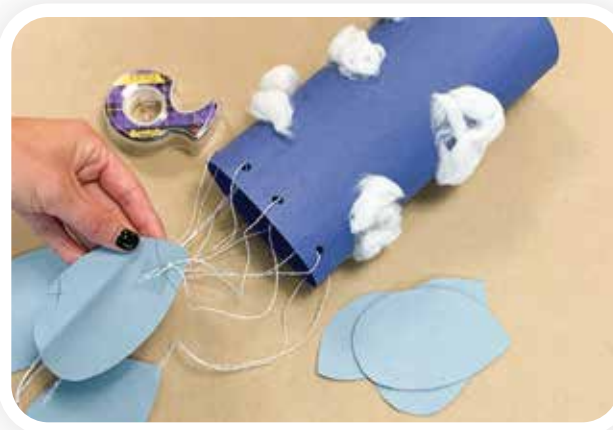
Physical

Indicator:

Cutting paper with scissors

Skills:

Fine Motor



Materials

- Blue construction paper
- Cotton balls
- String/yarn
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Sock
- Glue
- Tape



Instructions

Step 1: Start by pulling apart a few cotton balls and gluing them to your blue construction paper. Once dry, roll the paper into a tube shape and tape together.

Step 2: Using a hole punch, make a few holes along the bottom of the sock (keep about ½ inch from the bottom to avoid rips).

Step 3: Cut strands of yarn/string and feed them through each hole, tying a knot at the end of the windsock.

Step 4: Cut out several raindrop shapes on blue construction paper and tape them to the other end of the string.

Step 5: Once everything is secure, make two more holes opposite each other at the top of the sock and thread string through to secure.

Step 5: Hang outside or in an open area and watch the windsocks sway on a breezy day in the wind!



Age Adjustments

For older preschoolers: This activity can be completely independent for them; they may just need help to remember the steps! Encourage them to write a poem or a fun fact about rain on each raindrop for other children to explore!

For younger toddlers: This craft can be quite labor intensive for younger children. Take breaks often and help them out by pre-cutting the raindrops and string.



Playful Questions

- Can you use the raindrops to write a letter from your name on each one?
- How can we use this windsock to help us tell the weather outside?
- How many raindrops can we fit on our windsock?
- What would happen if we hung our windsocks outside?