



Making a Rainbow Wall Hanging

Have a go at making your very own rainbow wall hanging. This takes a little while so best to split it into a couple of activity sessions so you have time to allow the paint to dry in between stages. You will also need the help of an adult.

Our rainbow hanging is quite large - you can make smaller ones, just scale the numbers down!

What you need

Egg boxes, we used 9 x ½ dozen boxes. But you can make this whatever size you choose.

Paint (acrylic or poster) and paint brushes. We used the 7 colours of the rainbow for this project.

Scissors, string and a branch to hang your finished items from. Ours was about 80cm but yours can be smaller.

Making your hanging

To start your hanging cut out each individual egg cup from the egg boxes. Cut into the side of each egg cup in different ways to make a selection of what we call flowers.

You can make as many of these as you choose, but for the rainbow hanging you will need to make sure the number you make divides by 7 as there are 7 colours in the rainbow!

Our hanging uses 7 piles of 7 (49 in total)

Once you have cut out your flowers they need to be painted, this is the fun bit! We used Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo and Violet. If you don't have all these paint colours then it is a great opportunity to play with mixing paints and experimenting with colour creation.

Paint equal numbers of flowers in each colour.

Do all of this on with a table covered with newspaper, or better still outdoors, as it can be very messy! We used glitter paints for some of ours and had great fun mixing colours!

Once we had painted all of our flowers we then left them to dry overnight.





Stringing your hanging

Once your flowers are dry use a metal skewer or pencil to push a hole through the centre of each of your flowers.

Cut 7 lengths of string to thread your flowers onto. We cut 7 lengths of 120cm which gave us plenty. Thread on your red flower and tie a knot underneath to hold in position. Repeat with your orange flower, leaving a gap between the two and again tie a knot to hold into position.

Repeat this process until all 7 of your rainbow colours are threaded onto one string.

There should be a gap on the string between each flower.

Repeat with the remaining 6 strings (adding the coloured flowers in the same order) until all your flowers are threaded, you should have 7 strings each with 7 rainbow coloured flowers on.



To finish

Lay your stick horizontally on a large table or on the floor. Lay each of your completed strings vertically as if they are hanging from the stick. One by one tie them on and make sure they are secure. Your red flowers should be at the top and nearest to your stick.

Once all strings are attached tie a separate length of string to either end of your stick to allow you to hang your colourful creation! Your rainbow hanging is now complete! Hang in a window, or on a wall for everyone to see!

Why not try

Our hanging is quite large, you can always scale yours down to something smaller. Why not try out different colours, maybe to fit in with the colours of your bedroom? Add glitter and feathers, don't be scared to experiment! You could also create an outdoor hanging by adding leaves, pine cones and other goodies collected from the outdoors! Just have fun!

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