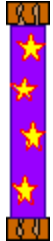


# Build Your Own Rainstick

## What you will need:

- Cardboard tubes from paper towels, gift wrapping or mailing tubes
- A tool to punch holes in the tubes
- Flat-head nails and a small hammer for thick cardboard tubes
- Toothpicks for thin cardboard tubes
- Glue
- Masking tape
- Wire cutters or sturdy scissors
- “Fill”: seeds, pebbles, rice, dried beans, shells, beads etc.
- Materials to decorate the outside



## Procedure:

- ★ Poke or drill holes in the tube. Depending on the length of your toothpicks or nails, you do not have to drill a hole all the way through the tube.
- ★ Poke the toothpicks or hammer the nails through the holes. Varying the length of the toothpicks will make different sounds. Cut off the end of the toothpicks that stick out. The nails should not go through the whole tube.
- ★ Apply glue to the “nubs” of the toothpicks on the outside of the tube and to the heads of the nails
- ★ Seal one end of the tube with masking tape. Pour in the fill. Cover the remaining end with your hand and turn the rainstick over, close your eyes and listen. Adjust the amount of fill until it makes the sound you want, and then seal the open end of your rainstick with making tape.
- ★ You can decorate your rainstick any way you want!



## Web sites:

[www.kinderart.com](http://www.kinderart.com)

[www.exploratorium.edu/frogs/rain\\_stick](http://www.exploratorium.edu/frogs/rain_stick)

[www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/music/rainstick](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/music/rainstick)

