



To make these rain sticks, we gathered the following supplies:

- Paper towel roll
- Aluminum foil
- Rice
- Clear tape
- Wooden spoon
- Broom handle
- Colored paper
- Optional: Funnel

We started by tearing a sheet of foil about 10" long.



We twisted the foil into a stick-like shape.

And we wrapped it around the handle of a broom to make a spiral.



Then we tore a small piece of foil about 7" long.



We twisted this piece of foil into a skinny, wire-like shape.

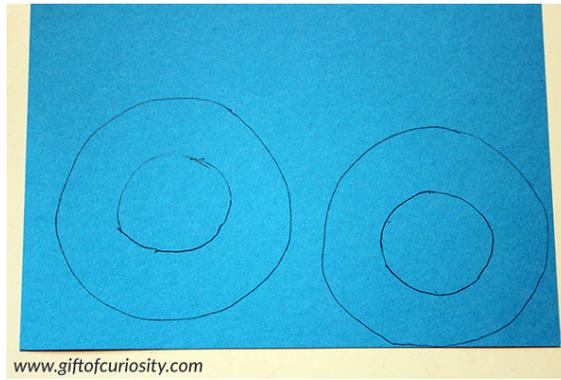
We wrapped this thin piece of foil around the handle of a wooden spoon in order to make a tight spiral.



We then inserted the smaller spiral into the larger spiral.

Note: This is the key step that makes the rain stick work.

Next, we placed the end of the paper towel roll onto a sheet of paper and traced a circle around it. We did this twice (once for each end).



We then drew a bigger circle around the small circles we had just drawn.

We cut out the larger circle, and used scissors to make a lot of cuts from the edge of the paper to the inner circle.



We then taped the paper to the end of the paper towel roll, wrapping the flaps we had cut up the sides of the tube and securing them with clear tape.

Once one end of the tube was secured, we inserted the two foil spirals we had created.



Then we added about 1/4 cup of dried rice to the tube.

We then secured the other end of the tube with the other circle of paper we had cut.



We used lots of tape to make sure everything stayed together.

The kids decorated their colored paper with markers and rubber bands.

We then wrapped the sheet of decorated paper around the outside of the tube to make it bright and colorful.



And then the rain dance began!

