

# Raindrop Suncatcher

Rainy weather usually keeps most little ones indoors, and they often look for extra activities to stay engaged. Learn how to make suncatchers for a fun rainy-day activity that all children will enjoy! This raindrop art activity helps build fine motor skills, encourages STEAM learning, and sparks creativity!

## What you need:

- Blue crayons
- Pencil or crayon sharpener
- Waxed paper
- Iron (for adult use only)
- Scissors
- Hole puncher
- Embroidery floss/clear string



## What to do:

1. You can choose to have the blue crayons already gathered and peeled or you can allow the little ones to look through crayon boxes and pick their favourite shades of blue to use.
2. Once the crayons have been peeled, they are ready to be sharpened!
3. Sharpen the crayons right on top of a large sheet of waxed paper. As you sharpen, spread the shavings around to take up space on the waxed paper.
4. After the shavings have been collected and spread evenly across the paper, cut another sheet of paper equal in size to lay on top of the shavings.
5. \*Adult use only\* Use an iron on the lowest setting to iron directly on top of the waxed paper and melt the crayon shavings. It only takes a quick swipe of the iron to do this. The wax immediately melts and cools rather quickly.
6. You can then draw raindrop shapes on the paper and cut them out.
7. Use a hole puncher and embroidery floss to string them up in windows for display! These raindrop suncatchers look like wind chimes made of coloured glass.

**Activity Extension, STEM Learning:** The kids will be wowed by the colourful crayon shaving transformation in this creative project, thanks to science! It's a colourful demonstration to help kids learn about states of matter: liquids, solids, and gases. To help kids understand, you can talk to them or show them some melting ice cubes and show how when you add heat to ice (solid water) you turn it into a liquid. You can also talk about the differences between rain and snow!

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