

Occupational Therapy

Rainbow Coffee Filter Craft

Supplies needed:

- Round white coffee filters
- Washable markers
- White construction paper
- Glue/tape
- Scissors
- Water spray bottle
- Cloud template for tracing/cutting: <https://www.darcyandbrian.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Coffee-Filter-Rainbow-Cloud-Pattern.pdf>
- Optional: googly eyes

Steps:

1. Flatten your coffee filter until it makes a big circle.
2. Use washable markers to add colors in circular patterns.
3. Place your colored coffee filter on a cookie sheet and mist with water spray to watch the colors spread and blend. (Note: make sure you don't mist the coffee filter directly on a countertop to protect your work surface!)
4. Let dry for 1-2 hours.
5. Once dry, fold the colored coffee filters in half and cut along the fold with a scissors creating two rainbow shapes.
6. Trace cloud shape on white construction paper and cut out with scissors.
*Younger children may need help cutting out the complex cloud shape
7. Glue or tape the cloud on to the rainbow.
8. Draw a smiley face on your cloud or use googly eyes to make your rainbow happy.
9. Tape your rainbow to your window and enjoy your bright, summer decoration!



For younger kids (6 and under): Watch this YouTube link for a short children's story (3:58) about rainbows and all its colors. Ask your child some questions about their favorite color and practice identifying colors in the home. Playing I-Spy with your child is a great way to work on identifying colors and a fun activity to do both inside and out of the home.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uEprTnyjs5o>

For older kids (approx. 6-10): Watch this YouTube link for a short lesson (2:37) on how rainbows are formed. Have your children practice the colors of the rainbow (ROYGBIV) when drawing. Or encourage your child to create their own repeating pattern of colors for the rainbow craft.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sVDDvd-YkHI>