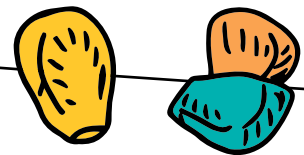


DIY RAINBOW CORN

The process to make rainbow corn takes a little time and a little patience, but the end product is a natural, bright, fun material that can be used in sensory play and in many creative ways. And the experience of making it with your kids is a great activity itself! Your kids will use their communication skills and motor skills, and engage in some early math concepts.



MATERIALS

- Corn Kernels
- Water
- Vinegar
- Food Coloring
- Jars or Bowls
- Baking Sheet

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1** Fill your jars or bowls with $\frac{2}{3}$ cup each of water and vinegar.
 - Show your kids where to find the $\frac{2}{3}$ mark on a measuring cup and let them do the pouring!
- 2** Add food coloring to the mixtures, one color for each jar.
 - Let your kids add more or less of the color, depending on how bright they think the corn should turn out, and swish the mixture around to distribute the color.
- 3** Add 1 cup of corn kernels to each jar.
 - Have your kids decide the best way to add the corn - all at once, in spoonfuls, through a funnel, or anything else they think up.
 - Here's a tip: if you set some of the corn aside, you won't need to dye any yellow!
- 4** Let the corn soak for a few hours or overnight.
- 5** When it's time, remove the corn with a slotted spoon or with a strainer, then let the corn dry completely by spreading it out on a baking sheet (you may need more than one).



WHAT DO YOUR KIDS WANT TO DO WITH THEIR RAINBOW CORN FIRST? HERE ARE SOME THINGS TO TRY.

- ✓ Make a sensory bin
- ✓ Use it for an art project
- ✓ Play pretend kitchen
- ✓ Shake some in a tupperware like it's a maraca

Remember to save your rainbow corn in lidded containers to play with over and over again!

