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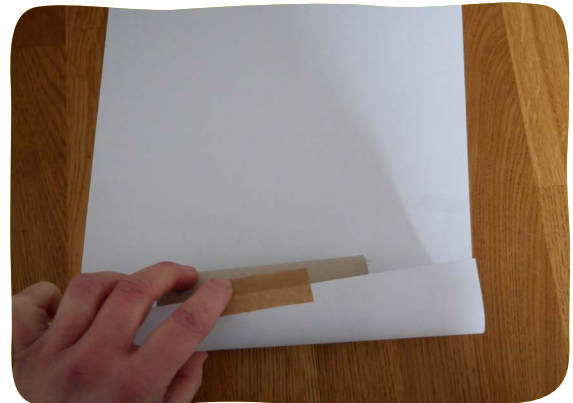
How to make a rainstick

You will need...

- A cardboard tube or inside of a toilet roll (the longer the better so the rice has more space to travel inside)
- Some rice, dried beans or dried lentils
- Paper (coloured or plain)
- Colouring pens
- Sticky tape or rubber bands
- Scissors (use with adult supervision)

How to make:

- Take your cardboard tube or toilet roll and wrap paper around it so it's completely covered. Make sure there's excess paper at both ends as you will need to enclose it once you've added rice or beans. (Alternatively you can cut out another piece of paper to cover the end, and stick down with sticky tape or a rubber band).
- Once you've wrapped your cardboard roll, folder down the paper at one end and stick down (a bit like when you wrap a present)
- At the open end, add in some rice or dried beans or a combination to create the sound of rain.
- Cover the other end with paper, ensuring it's secured and tight across the tube.
- Now you can decorate your rainstick with colouring pens, paint or other craft materials you might have.
- Turn the stick or shake to make the sound of rain!





Frog croooooaak!

You will need...

- An old baked bean tin (or similar) or plastic bottle that has ridges
- A stick, chop stick or wooden spoon
- How to make:
 - Take off any paper that surrounds the tin or bottle so you reveal the ridges.
 - Use your stick, wooden spoon or chopstick to rub against the ridges and make a croaking sound.... croooooak!

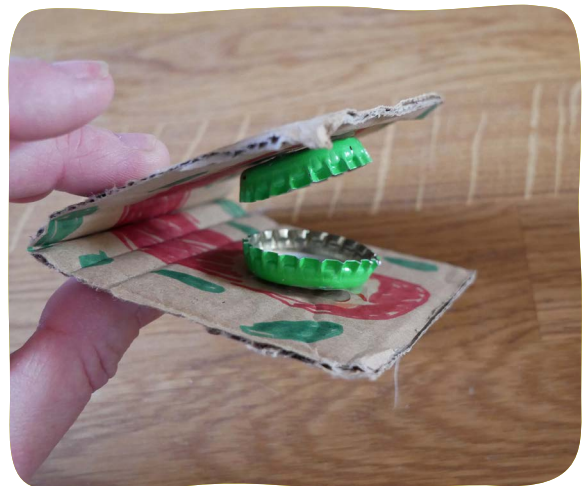
Insect castanets

You will need...

- Small bits of cardboard
- Old metal bottle tops or jam jar lids
- A glue gun or stick tape
- Colouring pens, paint or craft materials

How to make:

- Cut your cardboard into small strips - about 10 centimetres by 5 centimetres if using metal bottle tops, or 20 centimetres by 10 centimetres if using jar lids.
- Fold your cardboard strips in half, a bit like a book.
- Stick your bottle tops or jar lids to either end of the cardboard using a glue gun if you have one (ask an adult to supervise) or use sticky tape to make a loop so you can stick them down. (NOTE: Be careful if using bottle tops as the edges can be quite sharp).
- Your bottle tops or jar lids should touch to make a clicking or tapping sound.



If you haven't got much time...

Have you ever got a new jar of jam and enjoyed pressing on the top to hear the clicking sound it makes? If you haven't, try it now!

This could be also good option for a croaking frog or perhaps some strange insect buried beneath the leaves in the rainforest

Gather some leaves (the drier the better) to create the rustling sound of leaf litter.