



# Explore!



## Make a Rain Painting

Let the rain help you paint a picture —  
or create rain to make dry day art even more interesting!

### Materials

- ◆ Several pieces of watercolor or heavy cardstock paper
- ◆ Water soluble markers, shavings from watercolor pencils, powdered tempera paint, old bits of dried up watercolors, or chalk
- ◆ Plastic or metal tray that's okay to take outside
- ◆ Paint brushes (optional)
- ◆ A rainy day
- ◆ Spray bottle filled with water (if it's not a rainy day!)

- 1) Place a piece of heavy paper in your metal or plastic tray.
- 2) Create a picture or design on your paper using one or more of the coloring materials suggested to the left.
- 3) Take your tray and your picture outside and set it in the rain.
- 4) Watch the rain paint! Do the colors blend? Run together? Or something else?
- 5) For different effects, try tilting your tray to make the water run across the colors more

- or help colors blend with your fingers or paintbrushes. Which kind of coloring material works best?
- 6) Bring your painting inside to dry if you would like to keep it.
- 7) For larger scale fun, create a chalk picture on pavement outside *before* it starts to rain. As it rains, watch nature get creative with your art. Take a photo if you want to keep your picture.
- 8) If it's a sunny day, create your own rain using a spray bottle!

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