

# IT'S RAINING! ACTIVITY EIGHT

## Make A Rainmaker

These are fantastic musical instruments originally made in South America. You can use cardboard tubes from lunch-wrap, but cardboard tubes from material shops are longer and make the BEST rainmakers. It is worth the wait till you can get to the shops. Ask politely and shopowners are usually happy to give them to you.

*You will need:*

- A cardboard tube
- Nails
- About a cup of gravel (small size). Fishbowl gravel is perfect for this.
- Newspaper
- Cardboard (e.g. an old cereal packet)
- Wallpaper paste
- Cellotape
- Paint or tinfoil

*Steps:*

- Hammer nails into the cardboard tube as shown in the diagram.
- Cut out 2 circles of cardboard, then attach one to one end of the tube.
- Drop your gravel into the tube and listen as it 'splashes' down through the nails. You will be able to tell if you need more gravel depending how long the sound goes on for.
- Put your hand over the end and do another test run. (It would be a good idea to do this outside unless you want to do the vacuuming!)
- When you are happy with the sound, cellotape the last circle over the other end of the tube.
- Using newspaper and paste, now papier mache right over the outside of the tube and the ends. Cover any nails that may be sticking through – you will need several layers.
- Put aside until dry.
- Now you can either paint your wonderful instrument or cover it with tinfoil. If you use tinfoil, cover this with cellotape.

Now see if you can fool people into running outside to bring in the washing!

