

Mini Park Rangers



Parent's notes for rainbows in nature

Searching for a rainbow in nature with your Mini Park Ranger

What you will need:

- Scissors (for the adult to use)
- Basket, bowl or bag to carry collected items in

What to do:

- Explore a green space at home or nearby; maybe your courtyard, garden, neighbourhood or local park.
- Search for all the colours of the rainbow.
- Collect items if they have fallen on the ground or if you have permission to pick them.
- Can your Mini Park Ranger find all the colours below?



Ask your child:

- What other colours can you find in nature?
- Can you find a plant that has more than one colour of flower?
- Can you find things that are different shades of the same colour?

Alternative to collecting

- Instead of collecting items, take photos of the items you find.
- Print them out and then use scissors and a glue stick to create a collage of colour on a large sheet of paper.

Create a Rainbow display at home

- Arrange the items you have collected on a flat surface to create a rainbow.
- Talk together about the items you collected:
 - Which is your favourite item?
 - Which is the prickliest, softest, shiniest?
 - What do the flowers smell like?
- Take a photo of your rainbow display and share it with friends and family.

Create a single colour collage

- Ask your Mini Park Ranger what their favourite colour is? See how many items you can find in different shades of that colour.
- You may like to add items in the same colour but different hue, from your home craft box or recycle bin (wool, beads, buttons, packaging).
- Arrange the materials from the lightest to the darkest shade and glue on a sheet of cardboard or paper.

Using natural materials in your crafts is always fun. Remember to only collect fallen materials from your garden. Please do not collect materials from parks, reserves and other protected areas, as this is habitat for wildlife.

Look for natural rainbows, following a sun shower, or at dusk, when the sky is changing to night.



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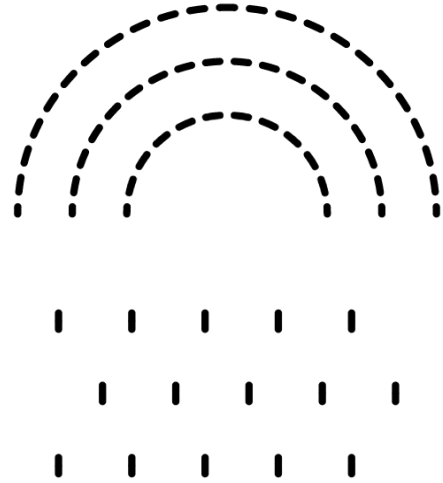


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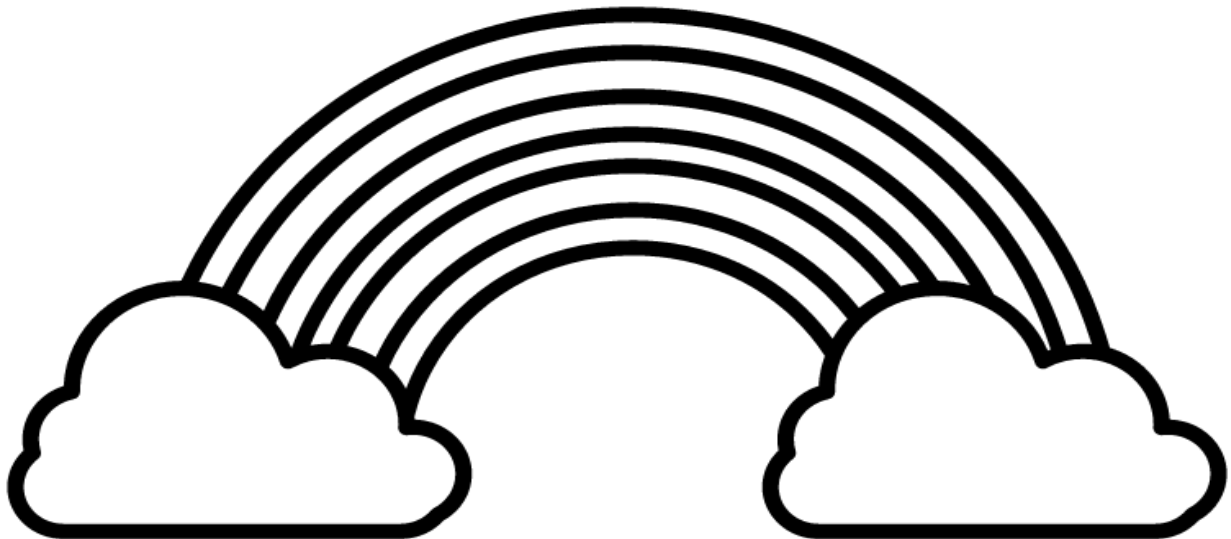
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Use a pencil to trace over these rainbows and clouds. Can you stay on the line?



Use coloured pencils or crayons to colour in this rainbow.



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