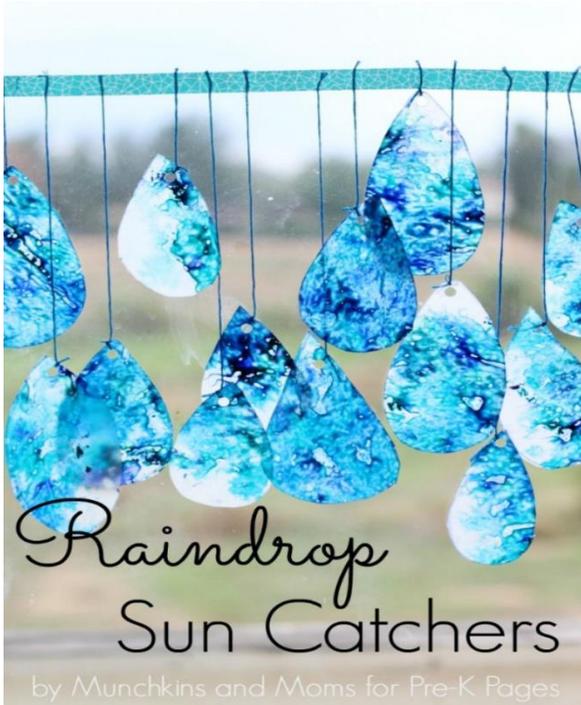


HOW TO MAKE RAINDROP SUNCATCHERS

Rainy weather usually keeps most preschoolers indoors and most teachers looking for extra activities to include in their lesson plans. Learn how to make suncatchers for a great rainy day activity that both preschool teachers and students will love! Use this raindrop art activity to build fine motor skills and to create!



Develop Fine Motor Skills

Don't those suncatchers make a beautiful window display? If your classroom doesn't have large windows, they also look great displayed on a wall or bulletin board. Kids enjoy making these raindrops because they get to use a pencil sharpener (and teachers love that their crayons get new life by being sharpened!)

Peeling and sharpening crayons is a great way for kids to work their little fingers for excellent fine motor practice. By peeling off crayon paper and twisting the crayon in the sharpener, students are preparing their finger and hand muscles for strong pencil grip later.

How To Make Suncatchers Art Activity

Supplies for this raindrop art project:

- Blue crayons
- Pencil or crayon sharpener
- Waxed paper
- Iron (for adult use only)
- Scissors

You can choose to have the blue crayons already gathered and peeled for the students, or you can allow the students to look through crayon boxes and pick their favorite shades of blue to use.



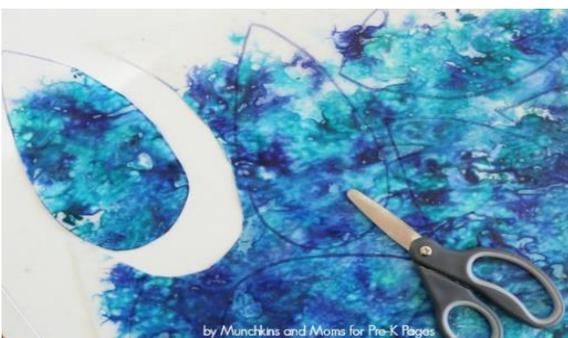
Once the crayons have been peeled, they are ready to be sharpened! This is probably the favorite part of any preschooler. It is quite satisfying for them to see how they can transform a blunt crayon to a point again! I had my kids sharpen the crayons right on top of a large sheet of waxed paper. As we sharpened, we spread the shavings around to take up space on the waxed paper.



We used a large sheet of waxed paper for my kids to work on together, but you may want to use smaller, individual pieces for each student.

After the shavings have been collected and spread evenly across the paper, cut another sheet of paper equal in size to lay on top of the shavings. Use an iron on the lowest setting to iron directly on top of the waxed paper and melt the crayon shavings. It only takes a quick swipe of the iron to do this. The wax immediately melts and cools rather quickly.

Teachers or students can then draw raindrop shapes on the paper and cut them out.



Use a hole puncher and embroidery floss to string them up in windows for display! These raindrop suncatchers look like wind chimes made of colored glass. Your preschoolers will love hanging and observing these in the windows.