How-To Make a Decorated Water Bottle Rain Stick

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## Instructions to make a decorated water bottle rain stick

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Take any size clean empty water bottle (I like to use the 1-liter Smart Water bottle).

Either peel off the label or leave it on (on some bottles, peeling off the label leaves the sticky surface which might be good for attaching the decorations).

Take a few sheets of aluminum foil that are slightly longer than the length of the bottle and twist them around to create a bumpy surface and then insert them into the bottle.

Fill the bottle up to approximately 1-2 inches with a variety of dry beans, seeds, and/or rice. I recommend using a funnel or rolled paper to keep contents from spilling.

Replace the cap (make sure it is tightly secured) and practice turning the bottle over so the contents trickle down over the foil from bottom to top and back up and down a few times. It should sound somewhat like falling rain (like one might hear in a rainforest). Make adjustments if necessary.

Now you can decorate your bottle with stickers, tissue paper, ribbons, colorful strips of washi-tape, and whatever else you might like to use. You might want to use a glue-stick or bottled glue and/or Mod-Podge for adhering the decorations.

## Supplies:

Water Bottle, Roll of Aluminum Foil, Beans/Seeds/Rice, Crafts Items, Glue Stick and/or Glue, (Mod-Podge).

Examples:

