

Colorful Pasta for Crafts



Materials needed for each color you choose to do:

- 2 cups pasta of various shapes and sizes (tube pasta such as penne or ziti best for stringing necklaces)
- ¼ cup rubbing alcohol (or white vinegar)
- Food coloring
- Gallon-size freezer bags
- Cookie sheet
- Wax paper or aluminum foil



Instructions:

1. Working with one bag at a time, add $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of rubbing alcohol or white vinegar to the bag. Close the top and shake it to distribute the alcohol or vinegar.
2. Then add your food coloring to the bag. The more food coloring you use, the more vibrant your colors will be. Again close the top and shake it to distribute the color. Use one bag for each color you choose to make.
3. Add 2 cups pasta to each bag. You can use one kind of pasta per color, or mix and match the pasta shapes among the different colors.
4. Close and shake the bags to coat the pasta.
5. Cover your counter with old towels, paper towels, or newspaper to prevent staining the counter.
6. Set the bags aside for the pasta to soak for 1-2 hours, flipping and shaking the bags every 10-15 minutes or so.
7. Spread the dyed pasta out on a cookie sheet (you may want to line yours first with wax paper or aluminum foil) and let dry overnight. If you're using vinegar instead of alcohol, it may take 36-48 hours to completely dry.
8. Make as many colors as you like!

9. Once your dyed pasta is completely dried, you can string them as beads, make collages or cards, or even create a sensory bin with them.

Rainbow Mobile



- Cut a paper plates in half.
- Make 6 holes along the straight edge of the plate.
- Punch a hole in the top of the paper plate. (you'll want it in the center of the rounded edge).
- Glue cotton balls all over the paper plates to make the cloud puffy.
- While the glue is drying, thread the pasta onto 6 strings. You can use one color of pasta per string, or get creative and mix the colors up!
- Tie the strings of pasta through the 6 holes on the paper plate, and tie an extra loop of string to the top hole for hanging. It's all ready to hang and enjoy.

