

Make Your Own Rain Chain

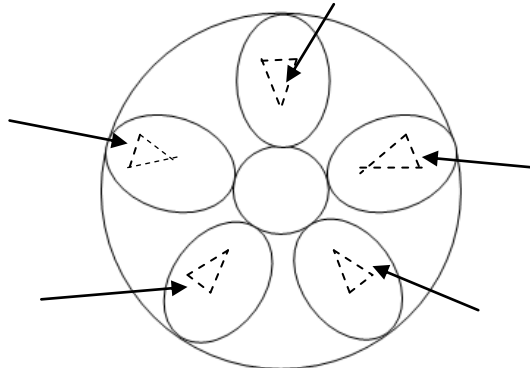
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Materials

- String
- 8- 10 empty plastic soda/ pop bottles (20 oz bottles work best)
- Permanent Markers and/ or stickers to decorate
- Beads (must be at least a 1/4 inch in diameter, requires at least 700, depends upon the length of the beads)

Directions

1. Ask an adult to cut the soda bottles in half
2. Decorate the bottle half of the bottles using markers, stickers, paint, or anything else you can think of
3. Have an adult make the following cuts in the bottom of the bottles. These will be where the water flows through.



4. Cut 5 strings 10-12 ft in length and tie them together on one end.
5. Feed one string through each of the cut out holes in one of the bottles.
6. String an even amount of beads on each string so that the beads cover 6 inches of each string
7. Feed the 5 string pieces into the cut holes of the next bottle. String beads on the same as before.
8. Repeat for each bottle until you reach the last one. Tie the strings together.
9. Have a parent help place your rain chain outside, in place of a downspout, directly below an opening in the gutter. Make sure that there is either a rain barrel or rain garden to catch the water.
10. Now wait for the rain and enjoy!

