

Making rainbows

The sight of a rainbow can be so uplifting!

Below are four paintings in the Royal Collection. They are from different countries and periods in time, but have one thing in common – they all contain rainbows. Look at them closely before making your own multi-coloured artwork.



James Ward, *Nonpareil*, 1824



Friedrich Johann Georg Rauscher, *Coburg: A View of the Town and the Veste Coburg, with Two Rainbows*, 1841





Paul Gustave Louis Christophe Doré, *Loch Carron, Scotland*, 1880–82



Sir Oswald Walters Brierly, *A Salmon Cast on the Alten*, nineteenth century

Why not have a go at creating a piece of art containing a rainbow?

You could create a drawing, painting, collage or even a model.

Here are some tips to get you started...

1. Find a piece of paper (large or small). Draw a picture of a landscape – a view of the countryside, a town or a city. This could be the view from your window or something from your imagination. Include a rainbow in your picture, then colour or paint it. Once dry, stick your artwork in your window or on the wall to brighten everyone's day!



2. To make a collage, gather junk objects from around your home. Look for rainbow colours. You could use old bottle tops, cereal boxes and buttons. You could cut up colourful pictures in old newspapers and magazines. If you have a garden, you could use natural items, such as leaves. Using cardboard, make a big template in the shape of a rainbow, then stick your objects onto it, one colour at a time. Try to stick them close together or overlapping to create blocks of colour.



3. If you are feeling really creative, challenge yourself to make something a bit different, such as a model rainbow. Perhaps you could experiment with cardboard, salt dough or toy bricks. If you can find some transparent plastic (e.g. from sweet wrappers), you could even make a sun-catcher rainbow to hang in your window.



We would love to see your finished artwork!

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