



HOW TO MAKE A RAINBOW SNAKE!

Before you start you need to sit down, and cut up pieces of felt. This is a great way to use up all the off cuts from other projects. Cut them into square 2cm x 2cm. As many colours as you can. Then you need to get some beads or buttons, when you do this make sure the holes in the beads are about the same size. You don't want smaller beads disappearing inside bigger beads. I give StJohn a number of bowls with all of these goodies in them. Keeping the felt in a separate bowl. Now you're good to go.

Take a normal sized sewing needle, and thread it with a length of thread anywhere from 30cm long to 75cm long. Any longer and it won't be able to take the weight of the beads and felt.

My kids started with a small length, and then moved onto longer and longer threads. StJohn always has to see how far he can take things, hence the warning about the thread breaking! (Found that one out the hard way!)

Anyway back to how to make a Rainbow Snake....

Make a knot at the bottom of the thread, and thread a piece of felt through first. Always start off like this, as this piece of felt supports the rest of the snake.

Now you can keep threading beads, buttons and felt on, in any order your child likes.

When your bead and felt reach about 10 centimetres from the needle it's time to tie them off. Again finish with a piece of felt, tie it off with a double stitch.

That's it your rainbow snake is done! All that remains for you to do is to sew a small piece of string, or a couple of loops of thread, so that you can

hang your snake up. Then you hook an opened paperclip through the loop, and you have a marveloussss addition to your Home Decor.

I've got them hanging everywhere, they are so bright and colourful, and feel so Homeschoolish. I hope you enjoy them as much as we do.

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