

HOW TO MAKE A PENDULUM PAINTING

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Yarn/String (about 1 ½ to 2 feet)
 - Disposable cup (paper or plastic)
 - Two equal size boxes
 - Long cardboard tube, like an empty giftwrap tube. Other options include
 - Yard stick
 - PVC pipe
 - Three paper towel tubes fitted together securely
 - Dowel rod
 - You get the idea - get creative and use what you have!
 - Hot glue (use adult supervision) or strong tape (like duct or packing tape)
 - Paint
 - Hole puncher
 - Heavy paper or blank canvas
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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Punch a hole in each side of your cup, about ½ inch from the top.
2. Run the string through the holes just enough that you can bring it over the top of the cup and tie the string in a knot. The string should still have a long tail, with the cup hanging like a little bucket from a little rope.
3. Have an adult poke a hole in the bottom of the cup. The hole should be about as big as a pencil eraser.
4. Lay your canvas or paper wherever you plan to paint (driveway: good; living room carpet: bad).
5. Set your two boxes up so that your paper or canvas will fit between them.
6. If your tube/pipe/stick wants to wiggle or roll around, use hot glue (with adult supervision) or strong tape to secure both ends to your boxes.
7. Tie the other end of your string around the center of your tubes. Make sure it hangs about 2 inches above your paper or canvas.
8. Add plenty of paint to your cup.
9. Pull your “bucket” back, let it go, and watch what happens!
10. When your paint runs out, you can add another color right on top or make another bucket if you don't want the colors mixing - it's your painting!