

Rainbow Snake

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In Aboriginal dreamtime stories, the Rainbow Snake was one of the creatures who shaped the earth and then inhabited various waterholes. When a rainbow is seen in the sky it is described as the rainbow snake travelling to a new waterhole after a storm disturbs him. Create your very own rainbow snake and tell this dreamtime story to your friends! You can find out more about the Rainbow Snake at Kullilla Art.

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Materials:

- 10082 - Blu-Tack - 75g Pack
- 10814 - Wiggle Eyes - Black Assortment - Tub of 560
- 12257 - Soft Yarn Wool - 100g - Set of 10 colours
- 14294 - Armature Wire - 3mm x 50m
- 10364 - CleverPatch Junior PVA Glue - 250ml
- 10897 - Student Scissors - Pack of 20



How to:

TIP

Remember to ask an adult for help when cutting the wire!



STEP 1

Using wire cutters, cut a piece of armature wire double the length you would like your snake to be.

TIP

Pushing the wire frame into more of a long sausage shape will make it easier to wind the yarn around it - you can bend it into more of a snake shape after the yarn wrapping is complete!



STEP 2

Join the two wire ends by twisting together and then flatten those ends back onto the wire frame. Bend the wire frame into a snake shape!

STEP 3

Cut a piece of coloured yarn and tie it to one end of the wire snake in a double knot.

STEP 4

Begin wrapping the yarn around the wire frame. It's okay to overlap the yarn as it covers the frame more effectively.

STEP 5

To help with wrapping the tricky curved end of the wire, cover it with a small piece of CleverTack. This will make the yarn stay where it is wrapped and not slide off the curve.

TIP

Try not to wrap your yarn too tight as it will squish your snake into a very skinny sausage!



STEP 6

Continue to wrap the yarn around the frame. To change colour yarn simply tie a double knot between the end of the first piece of yarn and the next coloured piece and then continue wrapping!

STEP 7

Wrap your entire snake in a variety of colours. Tie off the last piece of yarn with a double knot onto the wire frame.

STEP 8

Glue two small wiggle eyes onto your snakes head.

STEP 9

Your rainbow snake is now ready to be bent and twisted into a fantastic snake shape!

