



**Baltimore Woods
Nature Center**
Nature in your hands

Painting with Rain!

Introduction: In this activity, we will be trying to make paintings using falling raindrops!

There are two ways to do this, and both need some materials.

You'll need to **gather:**

-Some paper– you could try old newspaper, coffee filters, notebook pages, or even cardboard

(Nothing glossy like a magazine though!)

-Water-based markers **OR** food coloring, (or you could try both!)

Now you're ready to wait for the rain!

You can draw patterns on your paper with the **markers** like this →

Or if you're using **food coloring**, you can drop it all over the page

(Use a spoon or an eye-dropper– try out all the colors you can!)



When it starts raining, put on a raincoat and head out!

Put your paper on a flat surface, maybe a flat pan from your kitchen, or the edge of your porch.

As the rain falls on your paper, watch the colors swirl and mix together!

You can keep your painting in the rain as long as you want, and take it inside when its finished.

They may end up looking like this:



If you stay out in the rain longer, they may look more like this!



Are there any other ways you could paint with raindrops?

Try coming up with your own ideas!

After your painting dries, you could hang it up on the wall, or use it as the background for a new picture!

Send us your masterpieces at connect@baltimorewoods.org!