



*A Slice Of The*

# RAINBOW

*Simple Rainbow Recipes and Do-It-Yourself  
Projects to Add a Splash of Color and Fun*



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# Introduction

At HoosierHomemade.com, we strive to help you be heroes to your family through easy Do-It-Yourself (DIY) projects, creative crafts, and simple everyday projects, including hundreds of cupcake designs, all included to make ordinary desserts and décor not quite so ordinary.



Our website includes lots of exciting ideas to help you decorate and celebrate the seasons and holidays. We feature great baking and cupcake recipes. Let us be your go-to for quick, easy, you-can-do-it ideas for baking, decorating, organizing your home, doing crafts with your children, and even throwing fun parties!

We have selected a special Slice of the Rainbow of creative ideas from our website and put them in this handy book so they will be at your fingertips when you are looking for an idea to add a splash of color and fun to your home.

We hope you will enjoy our e-book and return to HoosierHomemade.com for future fun and festive ideas. It's a great place to visit as you're Making Your House a Home!

Sincerely,

*Liz*

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# Mini Rainbow Cupcakes

These cute little **Mini Rainbow Cupcakes** are so bright and fun! You could use them for a Rainbow Birthday, a Tie Dye Party, or even a Baby Shower.

## Ingredients

- 1 white or yellow cake mix plus ingredients
- Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue and Purple Coloring
- White Buttercream Frosting
- Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue and Purple Colored Sugar or Multi-colored Sprinkles
- Mini-muffin tins
- Mini-cupcake liners



## Instructions

- Prepare cake mix or other cake recipe.
- To assemble the Rainbow you will need...

Red – 20 cupcakes  
 Orange – 17 cupcakes  
 Yellow – 14 cupcakes  
 Green – 11 cupcakes  
 Blue – 8 cupcakes  
 Purple – 6 cupcakes

- Divide batter into 6 bowls and add coloring to each bowl. I added about 1 cup of batter for the Red, and then a little less for each color. Place one tablespoon of batter in each mini-cupcake liner. Bake at 350 degrees for about 10 minutes or until a toothpick inserted comes out clean.

## Decorating

- Using a decorator bag, pipe on a pretty topping of frosting and then immediately add colored sugar or sprinkles.





# Rainbow Ice Cream

## Ingredients

- 1/2 gallon vanilla Ice Cream
- Small box of Jello – one each of Grape, Berry Blue, Lime, Lemon, Orange and Cherry

## Instructions

- Remove Ice Cream from the freezer and soften for 20-30 minutes. Sprinkle 3 tablespoons Grape Jello in a plastic container. (Photo #1)
- Divide Ice Cream into 5 equal parts, spread ice cream over Jello. I used a spoon that I ran under hot water to help spread it. It's okay if the ice cream is lumpy. (Photo #2)
- Repeat with all Jello and ice cream. (Photo #3)
- This is how it will look from the side. (Photo #4)



- Add a lid, seal the container, and place in a freezer overnight or until re-frozen.
- To serve, scoop down through all layers.



# Rainbow Jello Push Pops

I love creating fun memories for my family and these **Rainbow Jello Push Pops** definitely brought a smile to their faces!

The Push Pop Containers I used are made by Wilton. I bought mine online. You can also use this same recipe in a glass container, just use the container as a guide when cutting the Jello. The recipe is the same but, depending on the size of your container, you may not get as many as the Push Pops.

The cute little Lucky Banner pennants are available as a free printable from [HoosierHomemade.com](http://HoosierHomemade.com).

Yield: 10-12 push pops or glasses

## Ingredients

- 6 small boxes of Jello - Grape, Berry Blue, Lime, Lemon, Orange and Cherry
- 6 envelopes of unflavored gelatin - each envelope has approximately 2 teaspoons each
- 6 cups boiling water, divided - using 1 cup at a time
- 1 (8 oz) tub Cool Whip whipped topping, thawed or whipping cream
- Sprinkles, optional
- Supplies - 6 foil pans, any size as long as they are all the same size

## Instructions

- Pour each box of Jello into separate bowls.
- Add 1 envelope of gelatin per bowl and stir.
- Add boiling water to each bowl and stir until dissolved, about 2 minutes.
- Pour each flavor into separate foil pans and chill at least 2 hours or until firm. I found it easier to add the Jello in foil pans. That way the Jello is all the same thickness and when you layer the circles of Jello into the Push Pops, they are all similar in size.
- Using the Push Pop as a guide, cut out circles of Jello.
- Layer the Jello alternating with Cool Whip.
- It's easiest to add the Cool Whip using a resealable bag or decorator bag.
- Top with additional Cool Whip and sprinkles, if desired.



# Rainbow Fruit Skewers and Dip

Here's a healthy snack idea...fruit. Now, it's perfectly fine served in a bowl or on a platter, but it's even more fun if you kick it up a notch by creating a **Rainbow**.

## Rainbow Fruit Skewers

These fun **Rainbow Fruit Skewers** were created using strawberries, mandarin oranges, pineapple chunks, green seedless grapes, blueberries, and red seedless grapes. Mini-cupcake liners are added to the bottom to catch the juice from the fruit and keep fingers from getting sticky.



## Fruit Dip

The **Fruit Dip** is made with only 3 ingredients; cream cheese, marshmallow fluff and a splash of orange juice. You could also use fat free Cool Whip instead of the marshmallow fluff, combine it with fat free cream cheese, and you have yourself a low calorie treat.

## Ingredients

- 1 {8 oz} package cream cheese, softened
- 1 {8 oz} tub of marshmallow fluff
- 2-4 tablespoons orange juice

## Instructions

- Place softened cream cheese in a large bowl and beat until fluffy
- Add the marshmallow fluff and orange juice
- Beat until smooth
- Serve with Fruit Skewers



## Mini Rainbow Doughnuts

These little bites of sunshine are a great fluffy, baked doughnut that starts with a cake mix.

With only 3 more ingredients, plus the bright coloring, you have **Mini Rainbow Doughnuts** done in a flash! It's a quick recipe to put together on the weekends.

You can leave out the coloring and they still come out great or make them a single color and stack them...definitely fun too!

Yield: About 3 dozen minis or  
About 15 regular size  
doughnuts



### Ingredients

- 1 box Yellow Cake Mix {I used Golden Butter}
- 2 Eggs
- 1/2 cup {1 stick} butter, softened
- 1 cup milk
- Coloring - Violet, Royal Blue, Kelly Green, Lemon Yellow, Orange and No-Taste Red

## Instructions

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees, slightly spray doughnut pans
- In a large bowl, combine cake mix, eggs, butter and milk, mix well
- Divide equally into 6 separate bowls
- Add coloring to each batter
- Spoon batter into resealable bags and pipe a small amount into doughnut pan, fill about 1/2 way. (I added the purple and then the yellow on the opposite side, then filled in with the other colors.)
- Bake minis for about 7 minutes and regular size doughnuts for about 10-12 minutes
- Serve with glaze if desired.



## Glaze

- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 2-3 tablespoons milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

# Mini Funfetti Sandwich Cookies



These cookies are similar to Whoopie Pies, but since I didn't use a traditional whoopie pie filling, I didn't think I should call them that. Whatever they are called...I think they are so cute...and yummy, of course!

The cookies are made with 3 simple ingredients, filled with brightly colored frosting, and coated with lots of sprinkles!

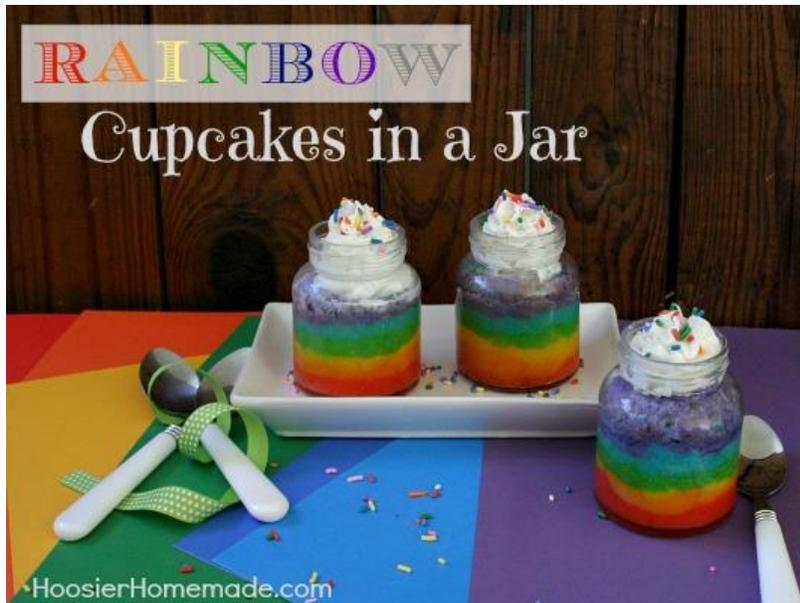
## Ingredients

- 1 box Funfetti Cake Mix
- 1 stick of butter, softened
- 1 egg
- Frosting
- Sprinkles

## Instructions

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees
- In a large bowl, soften butter in the microwave about 15 seconds
- Add cake mix and egg
- Beat until combined
- Spray a cookie sheet with non-stick cooking spray
- Roll dough into small balls - I used a small cookie dough scoop {2 tablespoons} THEN cut the ball in half, roll into a ball
- Place on cookie sheet and flatten slightly
- Bake for about 6-7 minutes, depending on the size of your cookie
- Note: I under baked mine slightly so they were soft
- Cool completely
- Color frosting in desired colors
- Fill a decorator bag, fitted with a #12 Tip
- Pipe frosting on the bottom of 1 cookie, around the edge
- Top with another cookie and add sprinkles





# Rainbow Cupcakes in a Jar

These **Rainbow Cupcakes in a Jar** are fun to serve for any occasion and sure to bring a smile! The cupcakes are baked right in the jar.

## Ingredients

- 1 white cake mix
- Ingredients for cake mix – I use 4 eggs, 1 cup buttermilk and 1/3 cup oil to make the cake mix taste more like homemade
- Wilton coloring – red, orange, yellow, green, blue and violet
- Frosting
- Rainbow sprinkles
- Small jars - Any size jar will work. I happened to find these at Hobby Lobby, and I think they are the perfect size. Depending on the jar size, you will need to adjust the amount of batter added. I usually add about 1 tablespoon of each color of batter.

## Instructions

- Mix cake until well blended.
- Separate batter into 6 bowls – about 3/4 cup in each.
- Color each with a different rainbow color.
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- Add about 1 tablespoon red batter to each jar (depending on the size of jar).
- Spread batter evenly and repeat with all colors.
- Bake for about 10-15 minutes (depending on the size of jar) and test with a toothpick to make sure they are done.
- After they cool, add frosting and sprinkles.





# Rainbow Headband

Would you like to make an easy project that's beautiful and fun for little girls to wear? We created a fun little celebration headband with just a few simple supplies in less than an hour!

Our **Rainbow Headband** is a delight to make, very inexpensive, and a bright burst of fun color to add a splash of fun to your little one's ensemble.

The **Rainbow Headband** is perfect for any occasion. How about a rainbow birthday party? Wouldn't it be cute for the birthday girl to wear?



All of the supplies are from Hobby Lobby for only \$4.75 including sales tax (not counting the needle and thread.) Be sure to use their 40%-off coupon that you can grab on your phone or computer from HobbyLobby.com's website which we used for the card with 2 buttons!



## Materials

- Large needle
- 20 inches of black thread (heavy craft and button thread which is very durable)
- Shank-style button
- Child-size elasticized headband (She chose a fun, purple one!)
- ¼ yard each of 7 rainbow colors of tulle netting (She used the finest mesh – it's softer) in red, orange, yellow, green, cyan/aqua, navy, and purple

## Instructions

### Step 1

- Stack the tulle and cut using a rotary cutter and mat, or scissors to make one 9-inch square of each color of the netting. Each of the squares will get folded in half as you sew them as shown here.



### Step 2

- Thread 20 inches of black thread into a large needle.

### Step 3

- Trim the tag off the inside of the headband for ease in sewing and comfort to babies.



### Step 4

- Tie a sparkly shank-style button onto one end of the thread using about 3 square knots and leaving a small tail (about 3 to 6 inches long to be used later in the tying process).

### Step 5

Creating The Rainbow Pouf -

The order is red, orange, yellow, green, cyan/aqua, navy, purple.

- Fold each 9-inch square in half as you are ready to sew it. Then run the needle in and out about every half-inch, 2 finger-widths from the folded edge.
- Fold the short part over and slide the tulle over to the button. Note the arrows on the picture to help you.
- Repeat this process with each color of folded netting in the order at the beginning of step 5.



### Step 6

The Tying Process -

- Swing the button up into the middle of all the little folds and then tie the short tail to the long piece of thread, pulling up all the fullness around/behind the button shank.
- Check to see if any of the netting folds got behind the pouf and poke them through to the front before you begin to tie the knots. Once everything is in its place, pull the threads tight, and tie 3 square knots.



### Step 7

- Trim off the short thread tail only.



### Step 8

- Poke the needle through at the opening behind the button shank to the back of the pouf.



### Step 9

Attaching The Pouf To The Headband -

- Poke the needle through from front to back at the center of the headband seam, pulling the pouf to the headband. Adjust the placement of the pouf and center it on the middle of the headband seam.
- Bring the needle through the headband (about a quarter inch away) from back to front and bring the needle out through the button shank.
- Sew down through different spots in the headband and back up through the button shank a couple more times.
- Put the needle through to the back of the headband and take a few stitches through the seam in the back to secure the thread and form a knot. Then trim off the long thread.
- To shape your pouf, adjust the netting by pulling the folds back from the button a little and spreading the longer pieces a bit to blend from one color to the next.
- You have completed your beautiful, **Rainbow Headband**.





# Rainbow Balloon Wreath

Are you ready for some fun? This **Rainbow Balloon Wreath** is super easy to make and a great way to deck out your door or brighten up a spot that could use a splash of color.

## Materials

- Straw Wreath – any size is fine, we used 12 inch
- Balloons – for a 12 inch wreath, you will need a total of 144 balloons – we used 6 colors, 24 of each color, 12 inch balloons work best
- Floral Pins – available in the floral department at Walmart
- Twine or ribbon for hanging



## Instructions

- First, you will want to divide the wreath into equal sections with twine or ribbon.
- Place a floral pin on each balloon and push the pin into the wreath. Place them randomly and close together for the best look.
- Continue placing balloons until all balloons are pinned into the wreath and all straw is covered.
- Remove all divider strings and then tie one string or ribbon to the back for hanging the wreath.

# A Rainbow of Tissue Paper Flowers

One great way to decorate with rainbow colors is to make **Tissue Paper Flowers** to use as accents in your décor. You can string them as a garland, adorn the mantel, place around the edge of a frame or chalkboard, or find your own creative uses.



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FLOWER  
SUPPLIES

## Materials

- Tissue paper (7-9 sheets makes a large flower. You can use more if you want it fuller.)
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Wire
- Wire cutters

## Instructions

- Step 1: Lay out tissue paper so it's all even. The width of the fold should be 1 1/2 inches wide. I used the ruler width to measure each fold.



- Step 2: Fold tissue paper, accordion style, making sure that you crease each fold. (I used my finger nail to make it crisp.)

### Step 3



- Step 3: Continue folding until all the tissue paper is stacked up, accordion style.

- Step 4: Wrap a piece of wire around the middle.

### Step 4



### Step 5



- Step 5: Round the corners, or you can make them pointed.

- Step 6: Carefully separate each sheet of tissue, pulling them toward the center. This takes some time and patience. It took me a couple hours to get all 7 flowers done, so allow yourself some time.

### Step 6





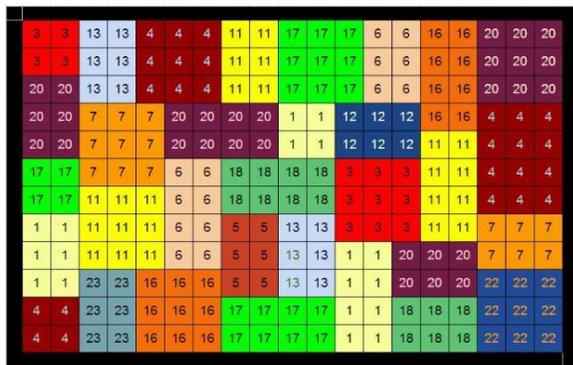
# Rainbow Painted Rubber Outdoor Mat

Here's a fun project to spruce up your home for Spring! This has to be one of our favorite projects. We had lots of fun creating the **Rainbow Painted Rubber Outdoor Mat!**

You can certainly paint your outdoor mat any color, but painting a rainbow of color can be really fun!

## Materials

- Recycled Rubber Outdoor Mat – available at The Home Depot.
- Acrylic Paint – packages with 24 jars in a box are available from Walmart in the craft department. These were much cheaper than buying sample bottles or quarts of paint, but if you are doing less colors you will need to buy larger bottles.
- Sealer – Rust-Oleum Paint Plus Ultra Cover Clear – available in the paint section at The Home Depot.
- Brushes – small foam brushes work perfectly – available at Walmart or craft stores. Get one for each color.



This is a diagram for the paint color placement.

Each of the paint jars and foam brushes was numbered to correspond to the diagram.



## Instructions



- Begin painting using a foam brush.
- Wrap the brushes in foil when not in use to keep the paint from drying.



- Use 2 coats of paint and let it set for a couple days to dry completely.



- Spray on a coat of the sealer.

- What a cheerful addition to a porch or just inside the entry as a place to remove shoes and boots!





# Rainbow Pinwheel Wreath

Pinwheels are not only an incredibly adorable little decoration, they are super easy to make and a very low-cost craft, too! This **Rainbow Pinwheel Wreath** is a fun project for you to make!

## Supplies

- Solid scrapbook paper – available from Walmart for about \$5/pack
- Spray adhesive – if your paper is not double sided
- Paper cutter
- Ruler or straight edge
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Metal brads – either colored or gold
- Supplies to make the pinwheels
- Wreath – I used straw, but styrofoam would also work
- Strip of cloth or string for hanging wreath
- Painter's Tape – Wrap wreath with wide strips so pinwheels can be glued on
- Hot glue gun



## Instructions

- Cut square pieces of scrapbook paper. If the scrapbook paper is not double sided, use the spray adhesive (or glue) to attach two pieces of paper together. (You can also use single-sided, but I like the pinwheels to have a color or pattern on both sides.) Let them set 5-10 minutes to dry. Using a paper cutter, cut out squares. The size will depend on how big you want the pinwheel. I usually cut 4-1/2 or 5-1/2 inch squares. You'll need 3 pinwheels of each color of the rainbow to make the wreath as shown.
- Draw a line, diagonally from corner to corner, creating 4 sections.
- Cut along the lines, stopping about 1/4 inch from the center mark.
- Using small sharp scissors or a small hole punch, and working on a cutting board, make a hole in each section in the right corner. And also a hole in the center.
- Push the metal brad through each hole and then through the center.
- Open the points on the brad to secure pinwheel.
- Tie a strip of string or cloth to the wreath for hanging.
- Glue pinwheels to the wreath with colors ordered as shown.

# Rainbow Bunting Flags

To grab your Rainbow Printables, click [HERE](#). Download the printable to use on cupcakes, cakes and more! Simply print out the flags on your home printer or at the office store and cut out the pieces to attach to a string.

How fun to make your own little slice of the rainbow to hang on a bulletin board, drape across the top of a picture frame, or to add even more fun to many of the projects in this book!



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