Somewhere Over the Rainbow

Walking Rainbow Experiment

How to create a rainbow from red, yellow and blue water.

To set up this experiment, you will need

- Seven cups or glasses of equal size
- Water
- Food colouring (red, yellow, blue)
- Paper towels
- Set your identical cups or glasses about 2 inches apart.
- Pour water into Cup 1, Cup 3, Cup 5 and Cup 7 until half full.
- Add five drops of red food colouring to Cup 1 and Cup 7.
- Add five drops of yellow food colouring to Cup 3.
- Add five drops of blue food colouring to Cup 5.
- Fold six strips of paper towel until they are 1 to 2 inches wide.
- Place one end of a paper towel strip into the red water of Cup 1 and the other end into the empty Cup 2.
- Place another paper towel between empty Cup 2 and the yellow water in Cup 3. Continue until there is a paper towel between each cup.
- Let them sit for approximately one hour.
- Return and observe what happened.





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^{*}Spoiler alert: the coloured water will have travelled to the empty cups and mixed to make new colours (red orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet)