Rice Craft

Materials needed:
- Uncooked Rice
- Food coloring (green, yellow, blue and any other colors you want)
- Water
- Vinegar
- Container (bowl or baggies)
- Tray
- Paper or rice plant print out
- Glue bottle

Step 1: For each color of rice, use a ½ cup of uncooked rice and place it in a bowl or a bag.

Step 2: Add ¼ teaspoon of water, ¼ teaspoon of vinegar, and drops of food coloring and mix it all together until you have the color you want.

Step 3. Lay the color out on a tray or a plate and let it dry for an hour or so.

Step 4. Repeat steps 1-3 for each color.

Step 5: Print out rice plant image or draw your own image on a piece of paper.

Step 6. Use a glue bottle to trace the leaves and stems of the plant with glue.

Step 7. Take pinches of your dried green rice and sprinkle or place the grains onto the glue.

Step 8. Pick up the image and shake off the excess rice onto a tray or plate.

Step 9. Repeat steps 6-8 for the rice heads using the dried, yellow rice.

Step 10. To add “water” to your image, spread glue on the bottom portion. (Measure 5 inches from the bottom edge, if you want it to be the exact height of water that farmer’s use!). Then use your dried blue rice to cover this new glue area. Shake off the excess rice as you did with the other colors.

Step 11. Let your rice art dry before hanging it up.

Notes:
- You can create any image you want and use any colors or combinations that you want.
- This activity can be messy, so you may prefer doing it outside.
- Any left over rice can be cooked and eaten, but only if food grade dyes were used. The color will stay with the food, but it will be lighter after cooking in water. For example a red will become pink.

Enjoy!
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