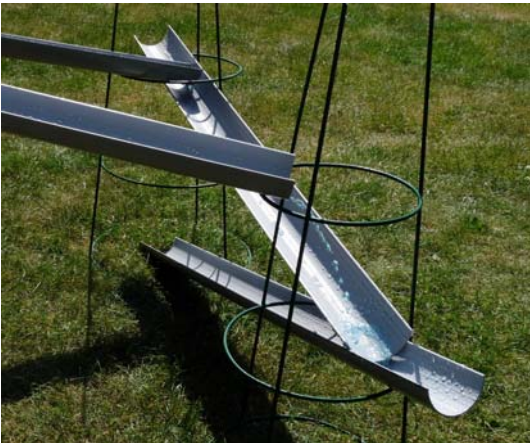


Water Maze



Water mazes are such great activities! Constructing the maze requires teamwork, dexterity and logical thinking. Pouring water (or rolling balls) down the channels is entertaining right across the age range. The activity is truly child-led: you just give them the pieces and let them get on with it. And finally, it ticks so many boxes for EYFS.

Equipment

- 3 or more multi-level plant supports in different sizes (ours were £4.99-£6.99 at our local garden centre)
- 2 lengths of plastic guttering, cut to size (£5.99 each, Homebase)
- 1 length of plastic pipe, cut to size (£6.49 Homebase)
- 1 or more pipe fittings (eg right angle joints)
- Plastic funnels, watering cans, jugs, etc

Preparation

The guttering and pipe are more fun if left as long as possible, however storing 6ft guttering can be tricky, so we cut each length in half when we made our maze.

We used a hacksaw to cut the guttering and smoothed off the rough edges with sandpaper. Our plant supports came with alarming pointy tops so we stuck a polystyrene ball (from Baker Ross or most craft shops) over the end of each.

Method

Put the plant supports and guttering in a pile and challenge the children to construct the most elaborate maze. Leave them to it!

Tips

For more fun, try adding food colouring to the water, and pouring different colours from different ends. What happens when the streams meet?

To extend the kit at any time, just buy another plant support and some more guttering.

If this all looks like too much work, you could always buy a ready-made kit. See: www.creativecascade.co.uk

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