

Mini Rain Barrel

Materials

- Container with evenly spaced markers
- Permanent marker
- Ruler
- Cloth of mesh
- Zip tie or rubber band

Instructions I Find a container with evenly spaced markings. If you do not have one then you can create one by making marks every centimeter with a permanent marker.

- Secure a piece of cloth or mesh with a zip tie or rubber band over the top of the container to keep out debris.
- Put it in a place outside where it can collect a lot of rain and let it collect rain. See how much rain it collects. You can change spots and see which one gets the most rain. Keep track of the rain amount to see if it changes week to week.
- You can use the rain that you collect to water indoor plants or water areas that did not get the rain. You can also save the water for days when it does not rain. This helps conserve water that you would have used to water them. Can you think of other ways to use this water? Can you think of other ways to conserve water like taking shorter showers?

