



### **What You'll Need:**

- Uncooked white rice (or if you want to go gourmet, Basmati)
- Food coloring (to transform that white rice into \*rainbow\* rice)
- Ziplock bags (for rice marination—oh yeah, we're getting fancy)
- White glue (Elmer's or any non-toxic brand will do)
- Paintbrushes (or just use your fingers if you're into the tactile experience)
- Thick paper or cardboard as canvas
- Pencils for sketching
- A sense of humor (this is optional but highly recommended)

### **Step 1: Prep Talk**

Gather your seniors and announce, "Today, we're doing art that is rice as nice!" Cue awkward laughter or the rolling of eyes—both are acceptable responses.

### **Step 2: Rainbow Rice**

Place the uncooked rice in Ziplock bags, add a few drops of food coloring, seal it, and shake it like you're making a martini but more colorful. Voila! You've got yourself some Rice Krispie treats for the eyes. Dry the rice on a paper towel.

### **Step 3: Sketch It Out**

Have everyone lightly sketch their design onto the thick paper or cardboard. The sky's the limit! Landscapes, abstract, portraits of their favorite grandchild, or maybe a tribute to Uncle Ben.

### **Step 4: Glue-It-Yourself**

Use the paintbrushes to apply a thin layer of glue over the sketch. If anyone asks, remind them, "We're not making a sandwich here, no need to slather!"

### **Step 5: Rice, Rice, Baby!**

It's time to sprinkle the colored rice onto the glue. Think of it as putting the cherry on top, but with rice. Let the grains fall where they may, but preferably on the glue.

### **Step 6: Shake Off the Excess**

Once the rice has stuck to the glued areas, gently tap the paper to remove any loose, rebellious grains. They can be saved for the next masterpiece.

### **Step 7: Admiration Time**

Hold up your rice art proudly and revel in your creativity. Say something along the lines of, "Eat your heart out, Picasso! There's a new st-arch in town!"

### **Step 8: Cleanup**